

# IF THE DEVIL WOULD TALK





I AM THE PRINCE OF HATE.  
I HATE GOD, AND BECAUSE I HATE  
GOD, I HATE ALL THAT HE HAS MADE!  
I HATE MYSELF! I HATE THE WORLD!  
I HATE MAN!  
I HAVE BROUGHT RUIN ON MYSELF,  
AND I DESIRE NOTHING MORE THAN  
TO BRING SIMILAR RUIN—ETERNAL  
RUIN—ON EVERY MAN!  
I CAN NEVER WIN ALL SOULS. BUT I  
AM NOT WITHOUT SUCCESS! I  
AM WINNING MANY OF THEM.

I HAVE FORGED A WEAPON. IT IS  
MORE TERRIBLE THAN THE ATOM  
BOMB, MORE DESTRUCTIVE THAN  
THE HYDROGEN BOMB.  
THESE BOMBS CAN DESTROY MAN'S  
BODY. MY WEAPON BLASTS HIS  
SOUL—HIS MIND—HIS SPIRIT.  
MY ENEMIES HAVE CALLED IT  
SECULARISM—FROM SAECULUM,  
THE LATIN WORD FOR WORLD.

IT IS AN ATTITUDE, A  
PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE, A  
WAY OF THINKING, SPEAKING AND  
ACTING WHICH MAKES THE THINGS  
OF THIS WORLD MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN THE THINGS OF GOD.



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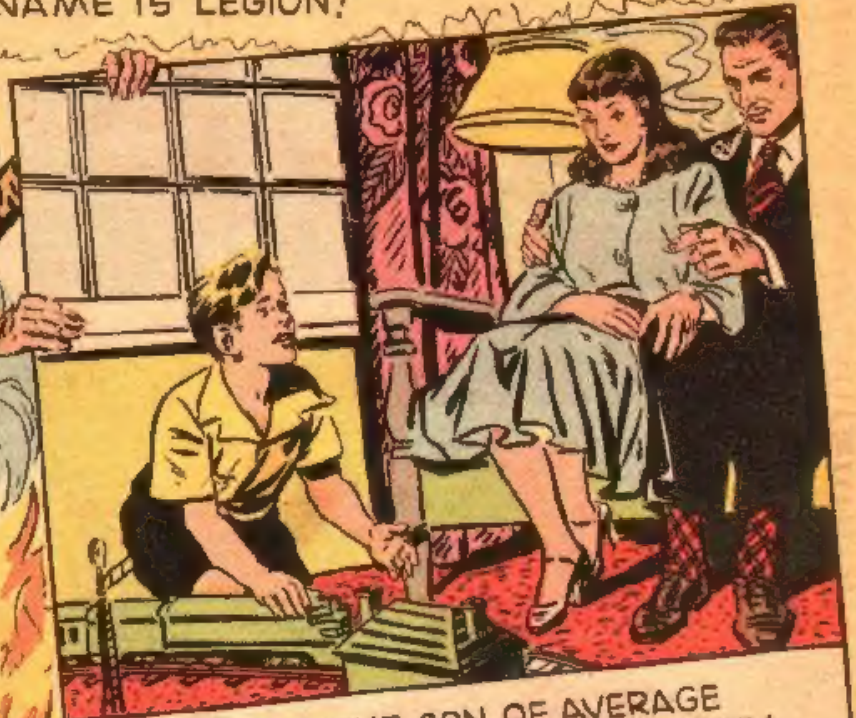
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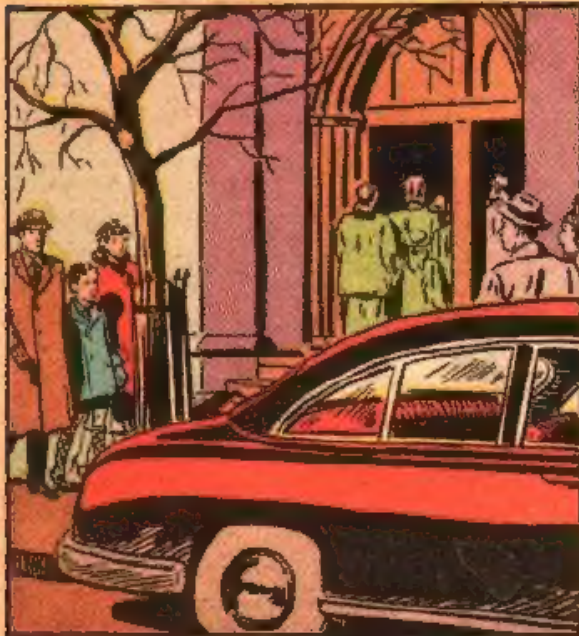
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HOW DOES MY WEAPON WORK? WHERE DOES IT SHOW ITSELF? LET ME SHOW YOU A STORY. IT IS REALLY THE STORY OF MANY MEN, OF THOUSANDS TODAY. I HAVE MADE IT THE STORY OF ONE MAN — BUT HIS NAME IS LEGION!



LEGION WAS THE SON OF AVERAGE PARENTS IN A MODERN WORLD. THEY PAID THEIR INCOME TAX. THEY LIKED MOVIES AND BASEBALL AND COMFORT.



THEY WENT TO CHURCH ON SUNDAYS AND CONTRIBUTED TO CHARITABLE DRIVES AND RELIEF MEASURES.



THEY EVEN TAUGHT THEIR BOY TO SAY HIS PRAYERS, AND THEY SCOLDED HIM WHEN HE DID WRONG.



AND STILL  
ANY REAL  
TEST SHOWED  
THAT GOD CAME  
SECOND WITH  
THEM...



MOTHER,  
WHY HAVEN'T  
I ANY BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS?

WELL, DEAR,  
SOME PEOPLE  
HAVE AND SOME  
PEOPLE HAVEN'T.  
NOW RUN ALONG  
TO BED—



JOHN, WE  
COULD HAVE  
MORE  
CHILDREN  
IF WE  
WANTED  
TO.

CHILDREN  
COST  
MONEY.



I KNOW, BUT AFTER WHAT WE  
HEARD IN CHURCH ABOUT  
HOW SINFUL—

LISTEN.  
WE'RE NOT RICH,  
ARE WE? AND YOUR  
HEALTH ISN'T TOO  
GOOD, IS IT?



NO, BUT—

BESIDES, WE  
NEED A NEW  
CAR AND WE'RE  
STILL PAYING  
ON THE  
HOUSE.



I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.  
WE HAVE TO THINK OF  
ALL THOSE THINGS.

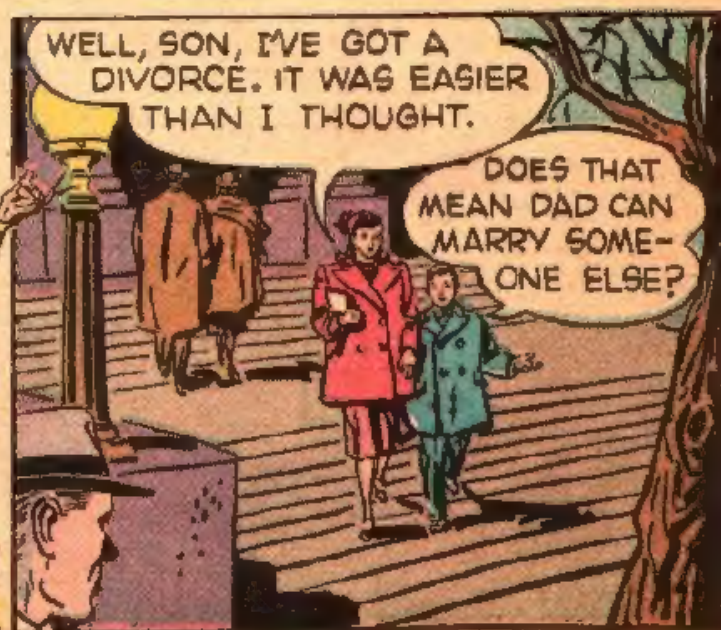
SURE, WE  
DO. SOMETIME  
WE CAN THINK ABOUT  
ANOTHER BABY.  
BUT FIRST  
THINGS FIRST!



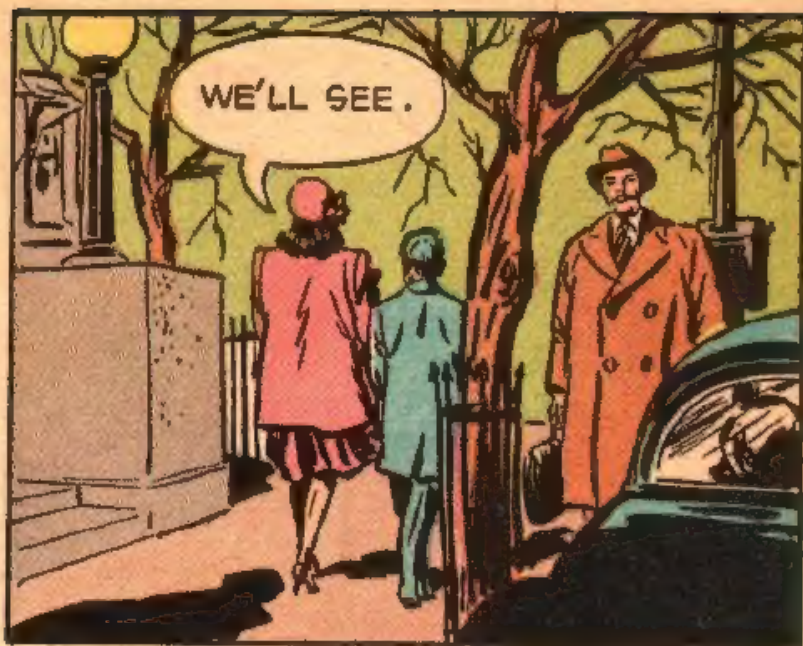








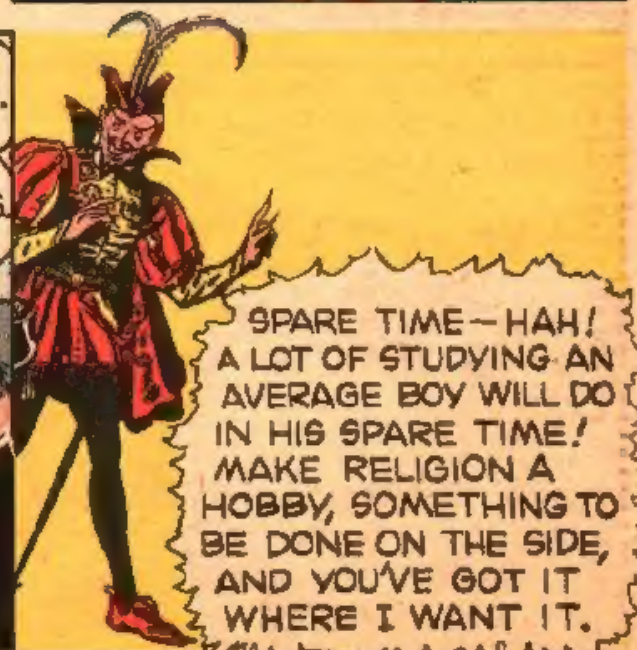
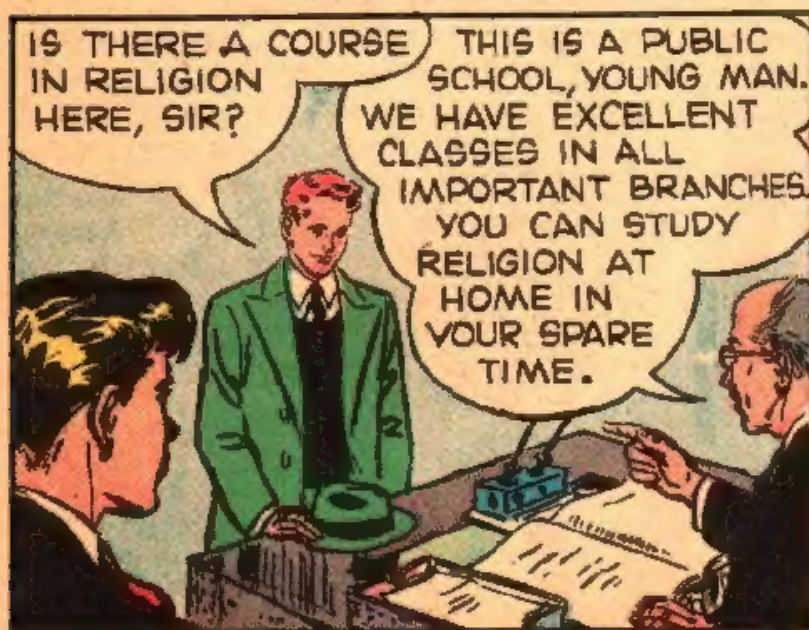
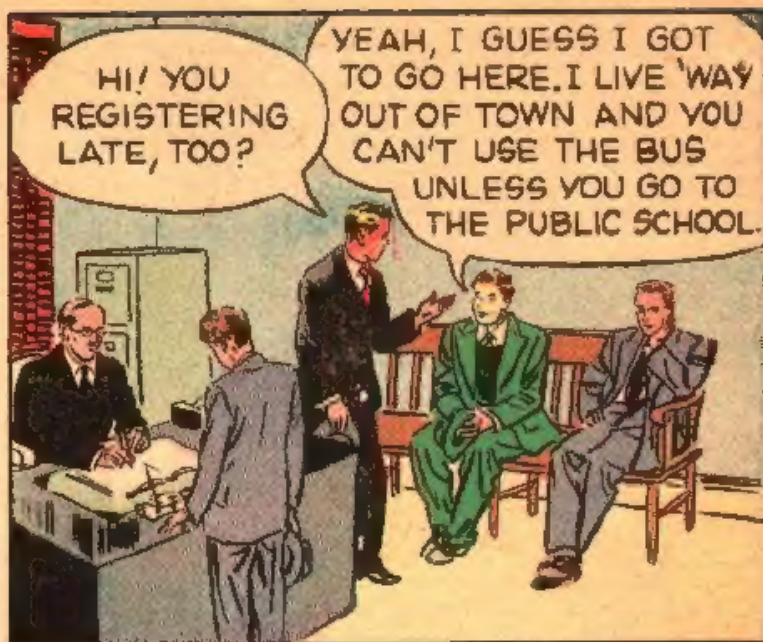












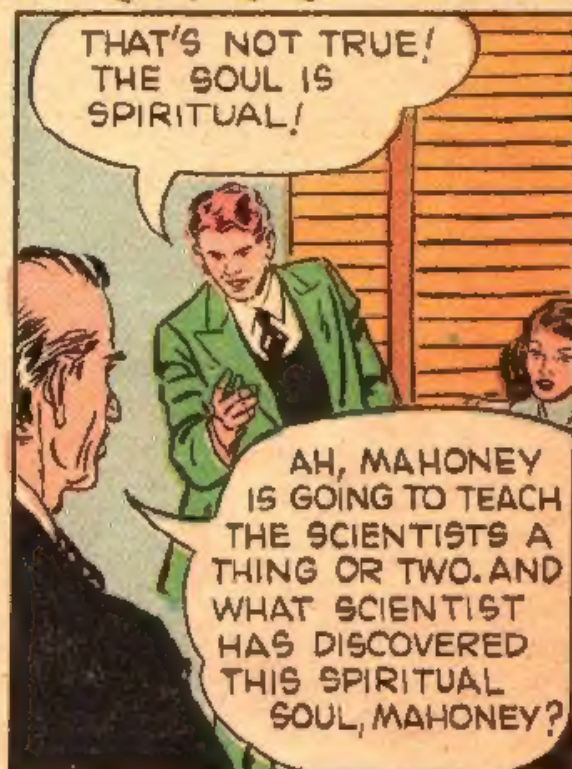




I'VE BEEN WORKING ON SCHOLARS FOR SIX CENTURIES—FIRST MAKING MAN'S THOUGHT MORE IMPORTANT THAN GOD'S REVELATION—THEN BLINDING PHILOSOPHERS TO THE REALITY OF GOD'S TEACHING—FINALLY COAXING THEM TO DENY THE WHOLE WORLD OF THE SPIRIT! IT'S EASY TO TRIP UP THE THINKERS ONCE THEY PUT THEIR OWN MINDS IN THE PLACE OF GOD'S. AND EVERY ERROR OF THE PHILOSOPHERS EVENTUALLY FILTERS DOWN TO THE PEOPLE THROUGH SCHOOLS, PRESS, AND ENTERTAINMENT.



SINCE SCIENCE HAS ESTABLISHED THAT MAN IS A HIGHER ANIMAL, EVOLVED LIKE OTHER ANIMALS FROM A COMMON ANCESTOR, THEN IT'S CLEAR: WHAT USED TO BE CALLED MAN'S SOUL IS MERELY A HIGHER-CLASS BRAIN.



THAT'S NOT TRUE! THE SOUL IS SPIRITUAL!

AH, MAHONEY IS GOING TO TEACH THE SCIENTISTS A THING OR TWO. AND WHAT SCIENTIST HAS DISCOVERED THIS SPIRITUAL SOUL, MAHONEY?



WELL—WELL, SCIENTISTS CAN'T DISCOVER IT.



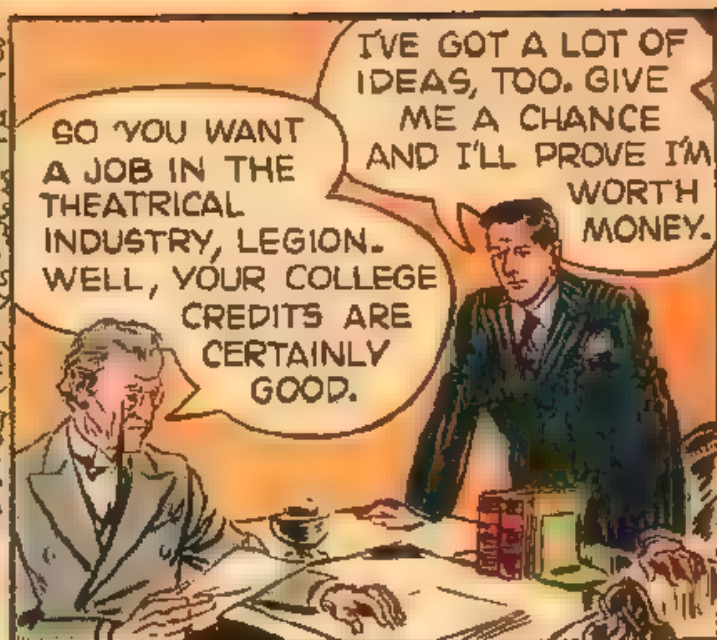
POOR MAHONEY, YOU'RE LIVING IN ANOTHER CENTURY.

JUST BECAUSE I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M WRONG!



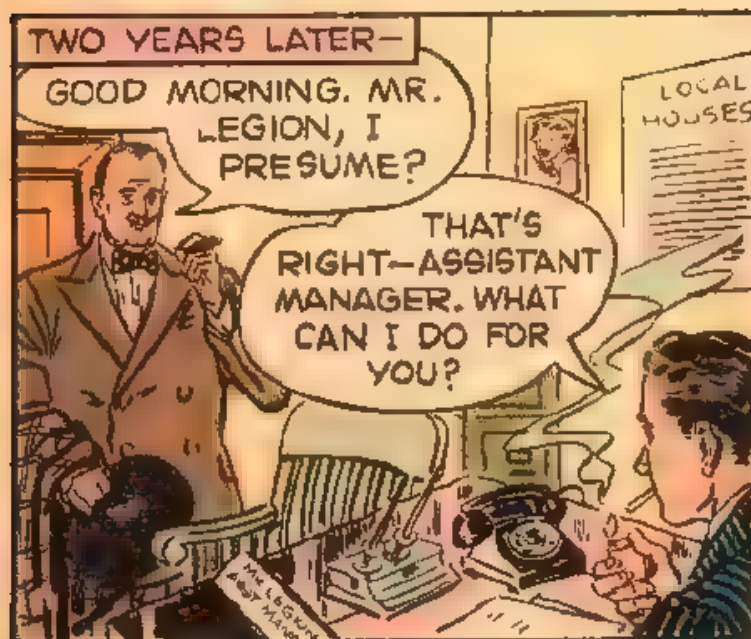


I SHOOK MAHONEY'S FAITH, BUT I COULDN'T WRECK IT. HE LEFT HIGH SCHOOL TOO SOON—WENT TO A SEMINARY. LEGION WENT ON TO COLLEGE WHERE IT WAS EASY FOR ME TO GET HIM TO DROP GOD FROM A SECOND PLACE IN HIS LIFE TO NO PLACE AT ALL. THEN, AFTER GRADUATING WITH HONORS—



SO YOU WANT A JOB IN THE THEATRICAL INDUSTRY, LEGION. WELL, YOUR COLLEGE CREDITS ARE CERTAINLY GOOD.

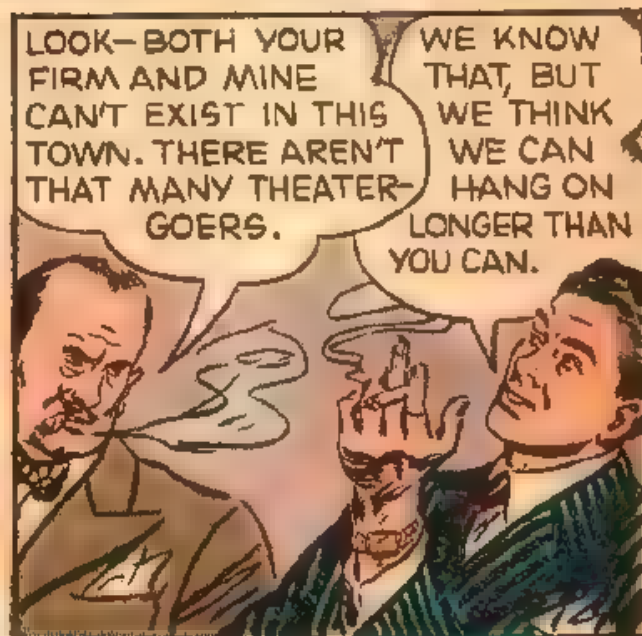
I'VE GOT A LOT OF IDEAS, TOO. GIVE ME A CHANCE AND I'LL PROVE I'M WORTH MONEY.



TWO YEARS LATER—

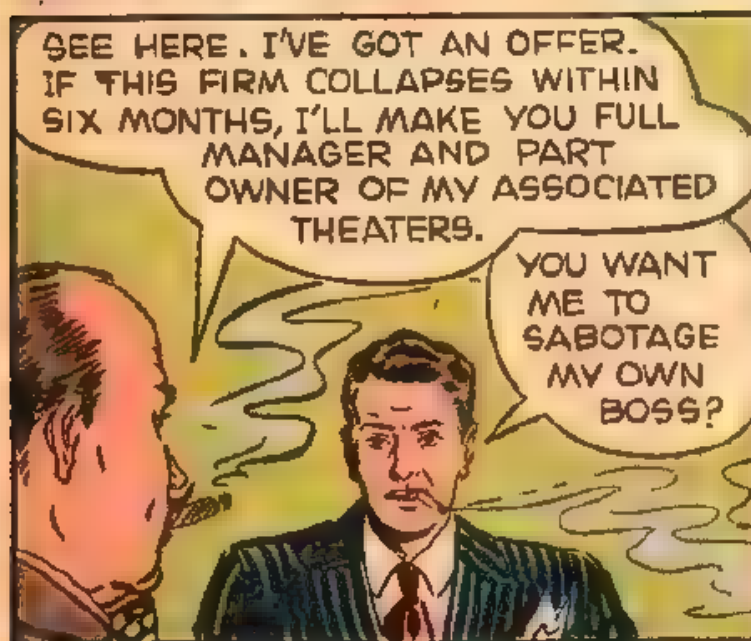
GOOD MORNING. MR. LEGION, I PRESUME?

THAT'S RIGHT—ASSISTANT MANAGER. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?



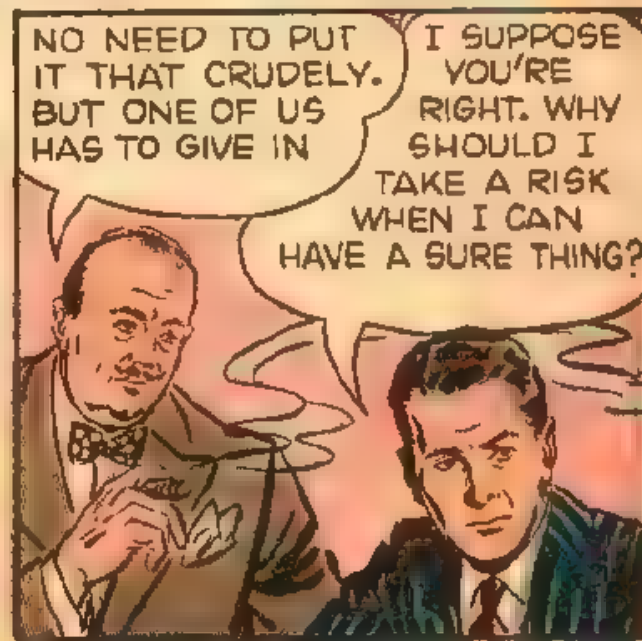
LOOK—BOTH YOUR FIRM AND MINE CAN'T EXIST IN THIS TOWN. THERE AREN'T THAT MANY THEATERGOERS.

WE KNOW THAT, BUT WE THINK WE CAN HANG ON LONGER THAN YOU CAN.



SEE HERE. I'VE GOT AN OFFER. IF THIS FIRM COLLAPSES WITHIN SIX MONTHS, I'LL MAKE YOU FULL MANAGER AND PART OWNER OF MY ASSOCIATED THEATERS.

YOU WANT ME TO SABOTAGE MY OWN BOSS?



NO NEED TO PUT IT THAT CRUDELY. BUT ONE OF US HAS TO GIVE IN

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT. WHY SHOULD I TAKE A RISK WHEN I CAN HAVE A SURE THING?



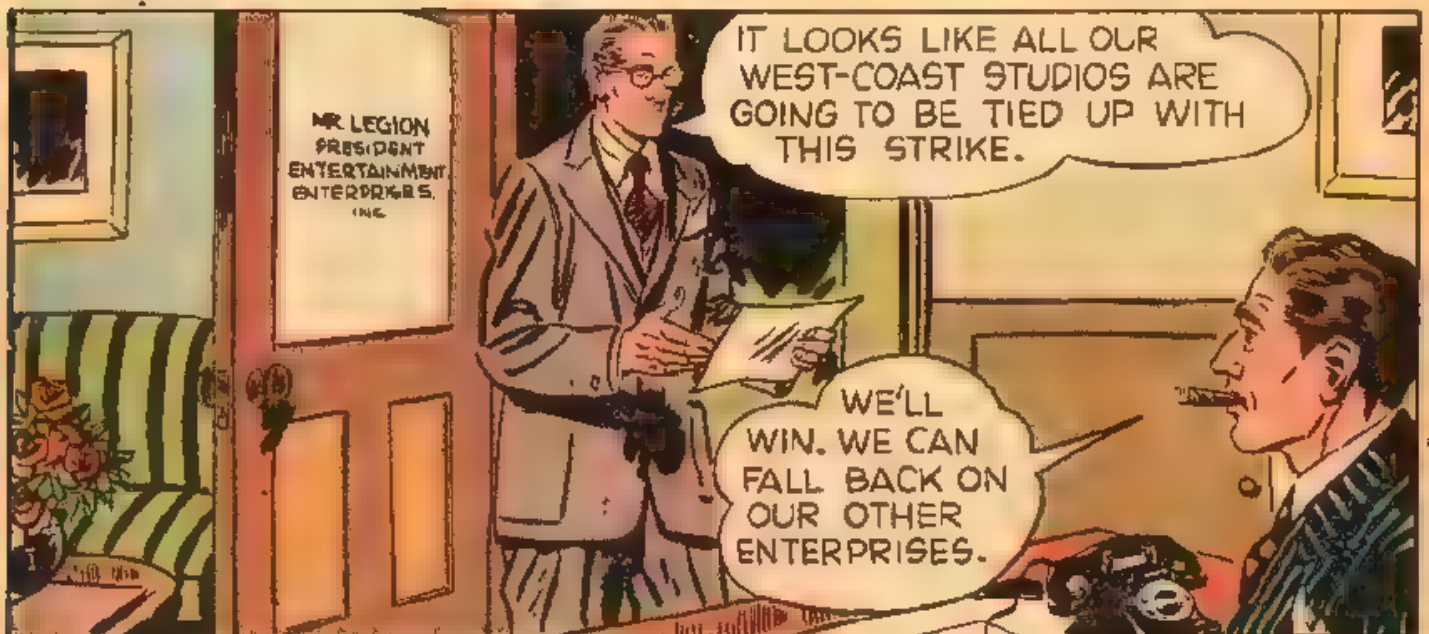


AGREED THEN?

RIGHT!  
I'VE GOT TO  
TAKE CARE  
OF MY OWN  
SKIN FIRST.

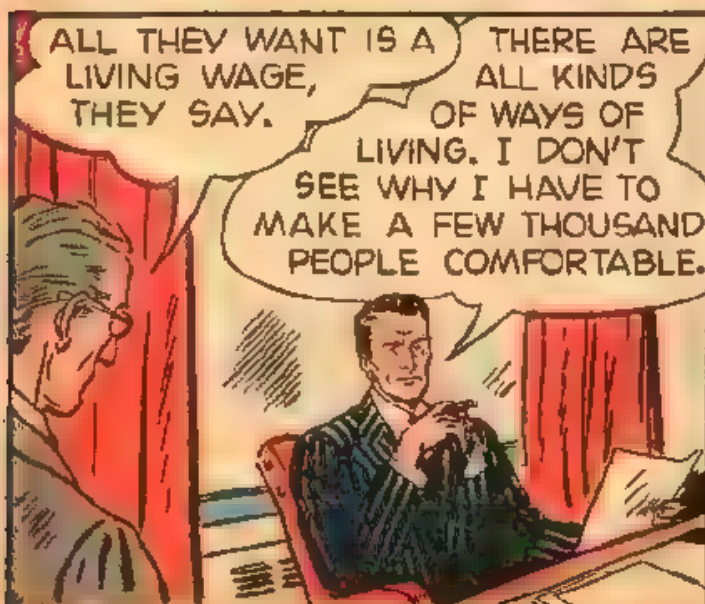


WHEN YOU PUT  
YOURSELF BEFORE  
GOD, THERE'S NO  
REASON TO GO  
BEHIND ANYONE  
ELSE. LEGION WENT  
FAR IN BUSINESS.  
HE WRECKED A  
LOT OF LITTLE  
BUSINESSES, BUT  
HE SOON HAD  
CONTROL OF A  
LARGE PART OF  
THEATER, RADIO,  
MOVIES AND  
TELEVISION.



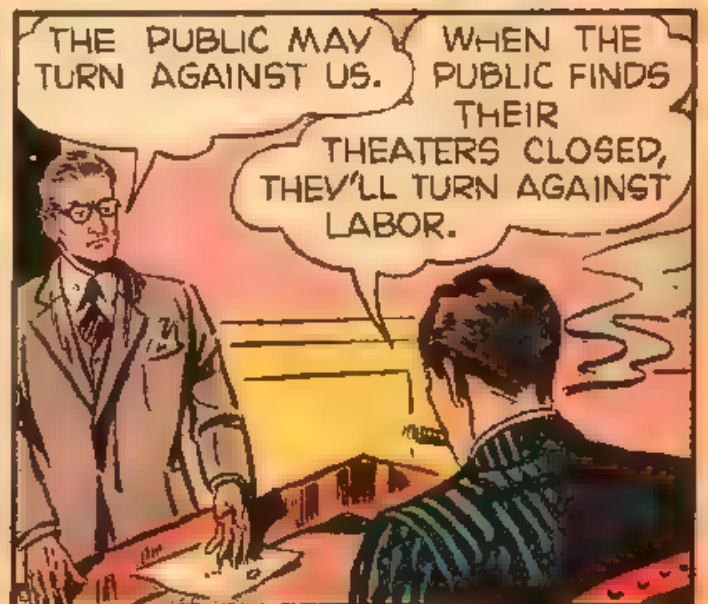
IT LOOKS LIKE ALL OUR  
WEST-COAST STUDIOS ARE  
GOING TO BE TIED UP WITH  
THIS STRIKE.

WE'LL  
WIN. WE CAN  
FALL BACK ON  
OUR OTHER  
ENTERPRISES.



ALL THEY WANT IS A  
LIVING WAGE,  
THEY SAY.

THERE ARE  
ALL KINDS  
OF WAYS OF  
LIVING. I DON'T  
SEE WHY I HAVE TO  
MAKE A FEW THOUSAND  
PEOPLE COMFORTABLE.



THE PUBLIC MAY  
TURN AGAINST US.

WHEN THE  
PUBLIC FINDS  
THEIR  
THEATERS CLOSED,  
THEY'LL TURN AGAINST  
LABOR.

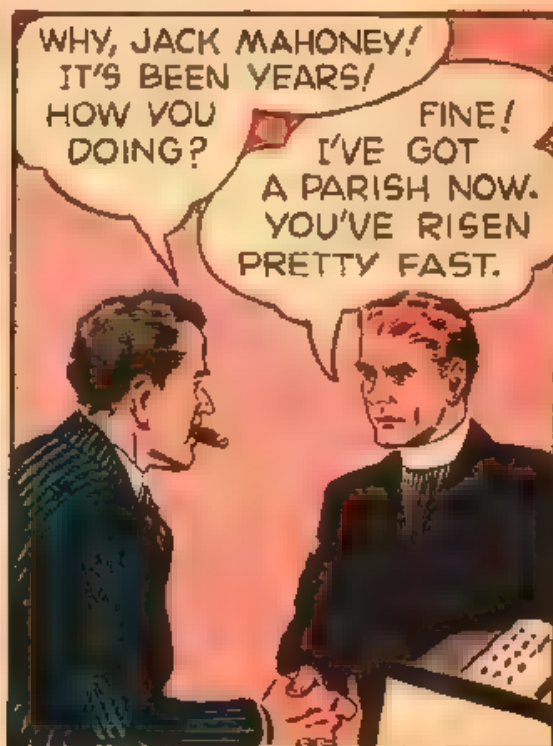




HE WON, ALL RIGHT. BUT DON'T WORRY, EVEN WHEN LEGION LOST, SECULARISM USUALLY WON. I HAVE MEN ON BOTH SIDES OF MOST ARGUMENTS. WITHOUT THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD, I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE BROTHERHOOD OF MEN.

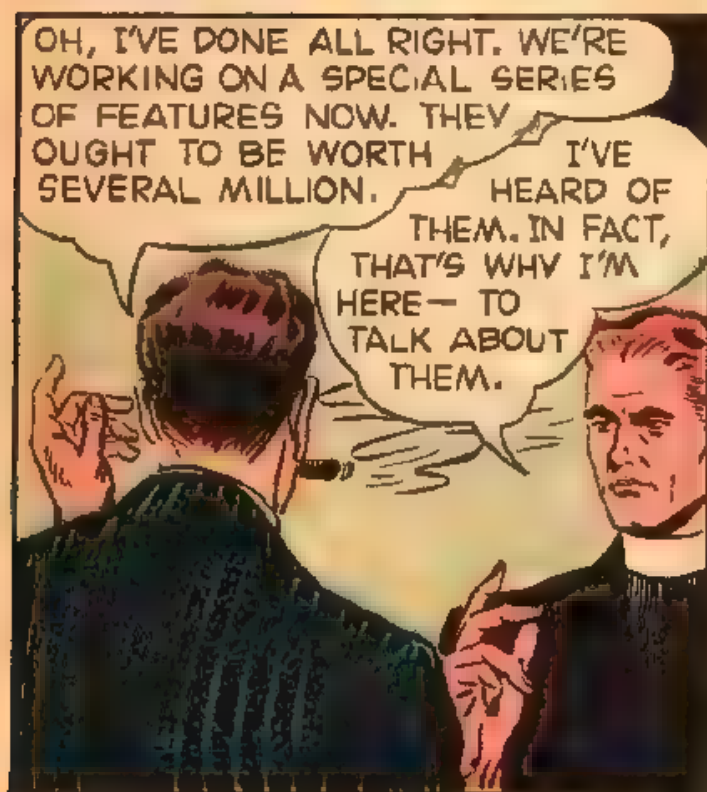


GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. LEGION.



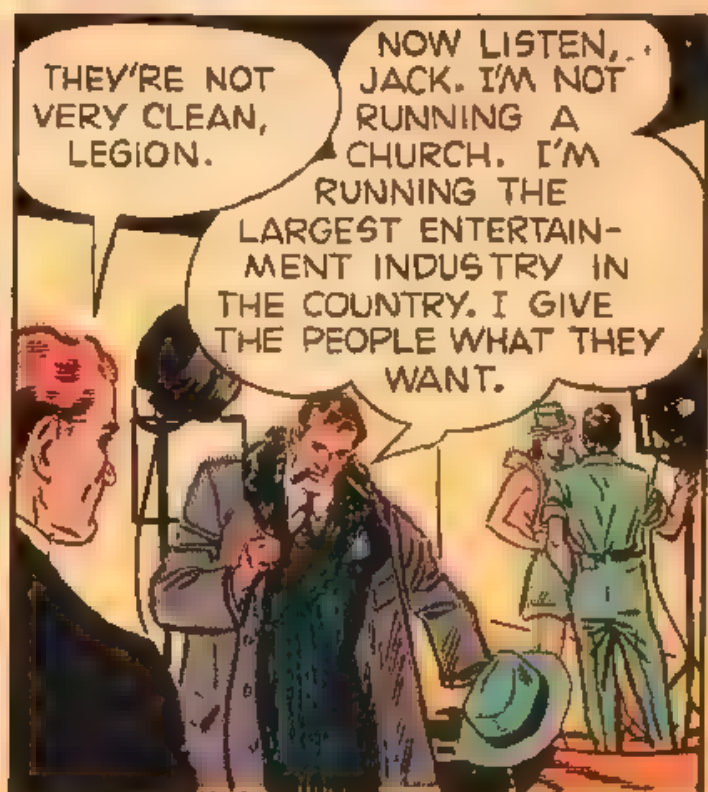
WHY, JACK MAHONEY! IT'S BEEN YEARS! HOW YOU DOING?

FINE! I'VE GOT A PARISH NOW. YOU'VE RISEN PRETTY FAST.



OH, I'VE DONE ALL RIGHT. WE'RE WORKING ON A SPECIAL SERIES OF FEATURES NOW. THEY OUGHT TO BE WORTH SEVERAL MILLION.

I'VE HEARD OF THEM. IN FACT, THAT'S WHY I'M HERE— TO TALK ABOUT THEM.



THEY'RE NOT VERY CLEAN, LEGION.

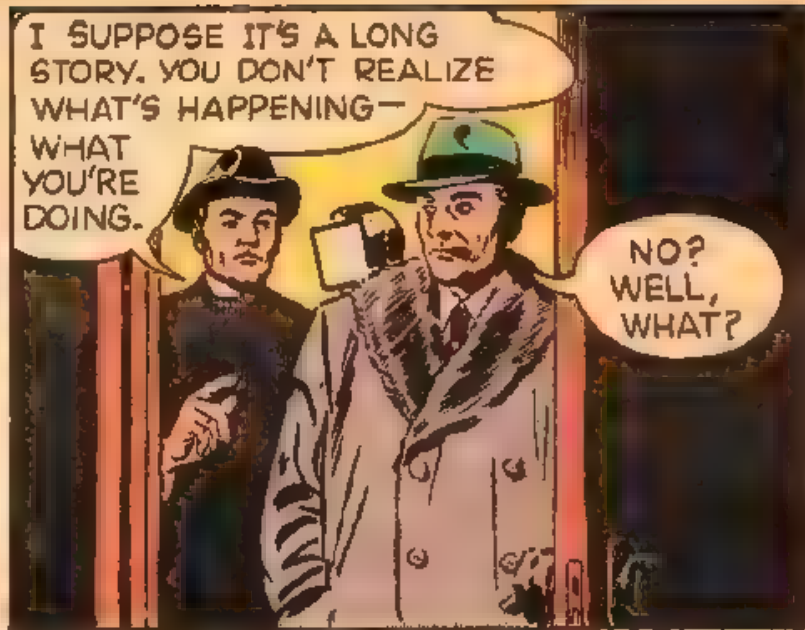
NOW LISTEN, JACK. I'M NOT RUNNING A CHURCH. I'M RUNNING THE LARGEST ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY IN THE COUNTRY. I GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT.





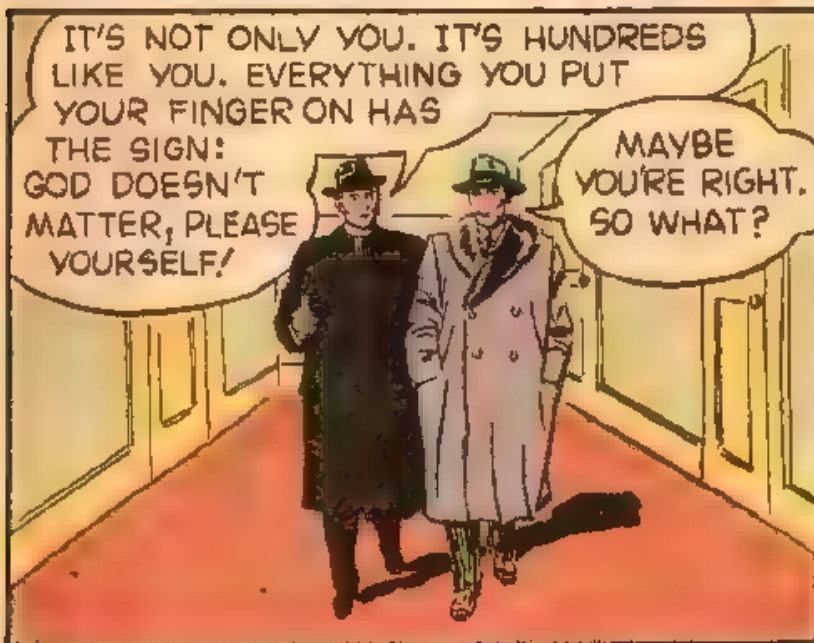
DO THEY WANT DRT?

THEY PAY FOR IT.



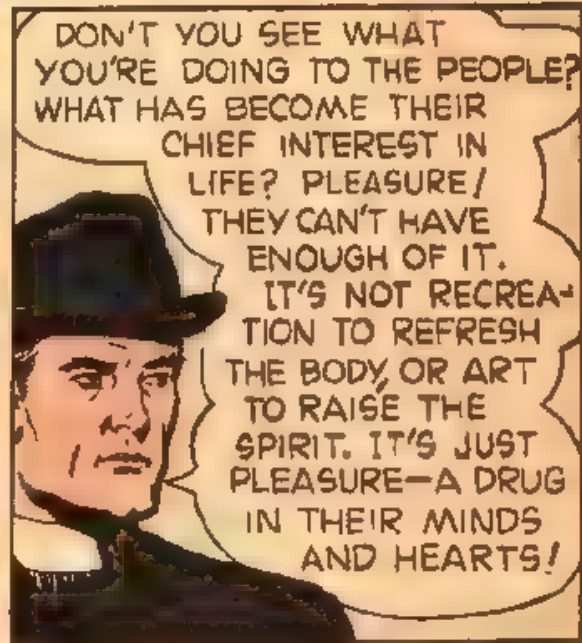
I SUPPOSE IT'S A LONG STORY. YOU DON'T REALIZE WHAT'S HAPPENING—WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

NO? WELL, WHAT?

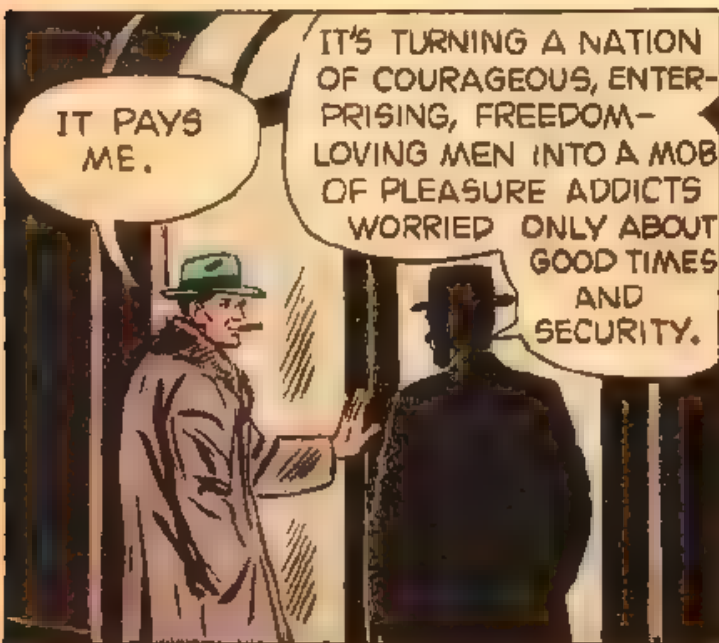


IT'S NOT ONLY YOU. IT'S HUNDREDS LIKE YOU. EVERYTHING YOU PUT YOUR FINGER ON HAS THE SIGN: GOD DOESN'T MATTER, PLEASE YOURSELF!

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. SO WHAT?

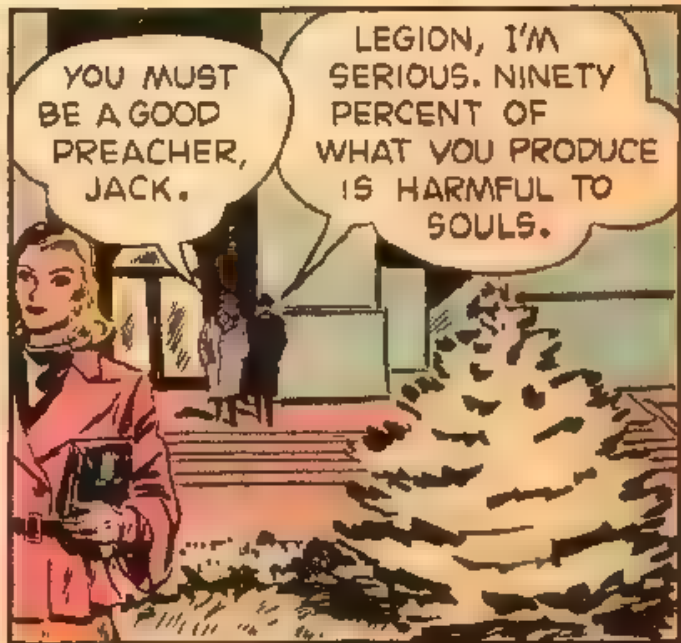


DON'T YOU SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO THE PEOPLE? WHAT HAS BECOME THEIR CHIEF INTEREST IN LIFE? PLEASURE! THEY CAN'T HAVE ENOUGH OF IT. IT'S NOT RECREATION TO REFRESH THE BODY, OR ART TO RAISE THE SPIRIT. IT'S JUST PLEASURE—A DRUG IN THEIR MINDS AND HEARTS!



IT PAYS ME.

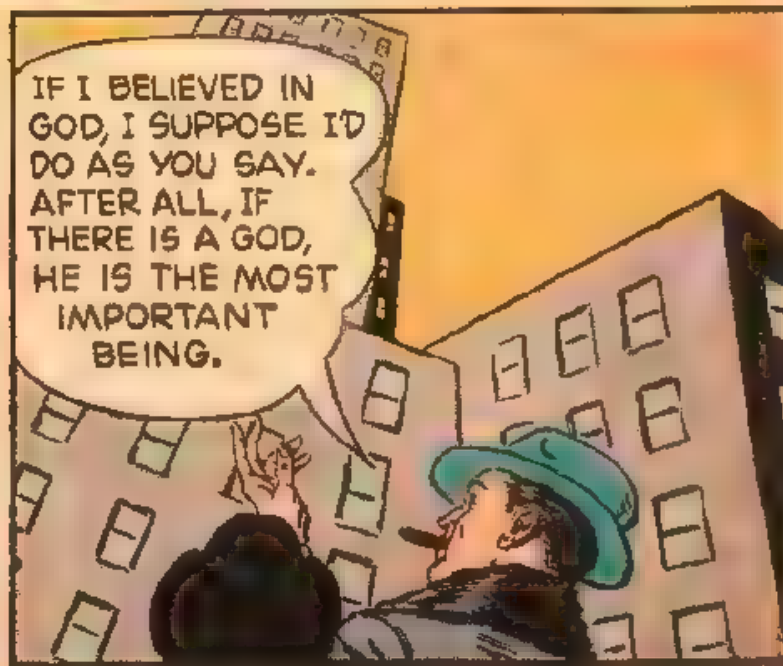
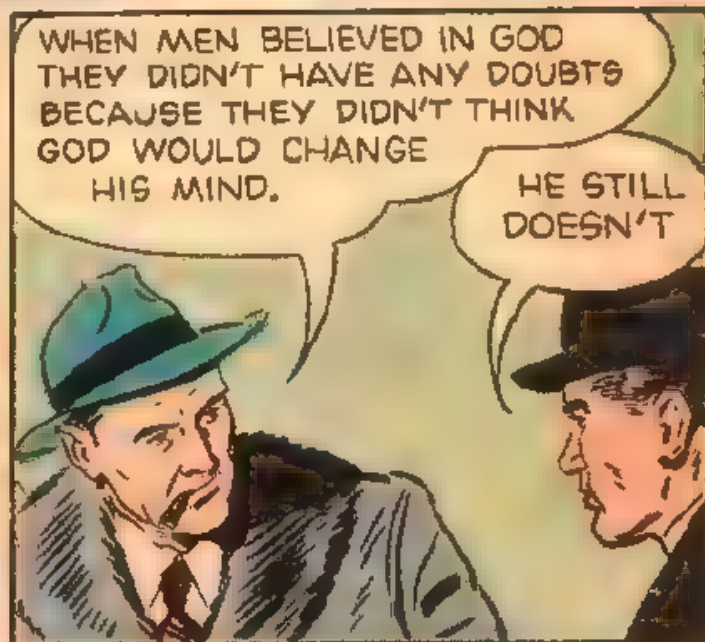
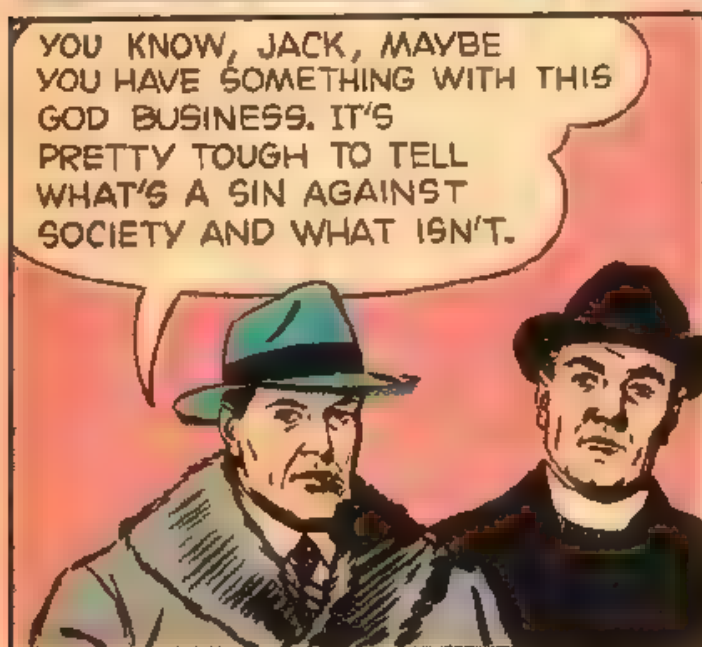
IT'S TURNING A NATION OF COURAGEOUS, ENTERPRISING, FREEDOM-LOVING MEN INTO A MOB OF PLEASURE ADDICTS WORRIED ONLY ABOUT GOOD TIMES AND SECURITY.



YOU MUST BE A GOOD PREACHER, JACK.

LEGION, I'M SERIOUS. NINETY PERCENT OF WHAT YOU PRODUCE IS HARMFUL TO SOULS.





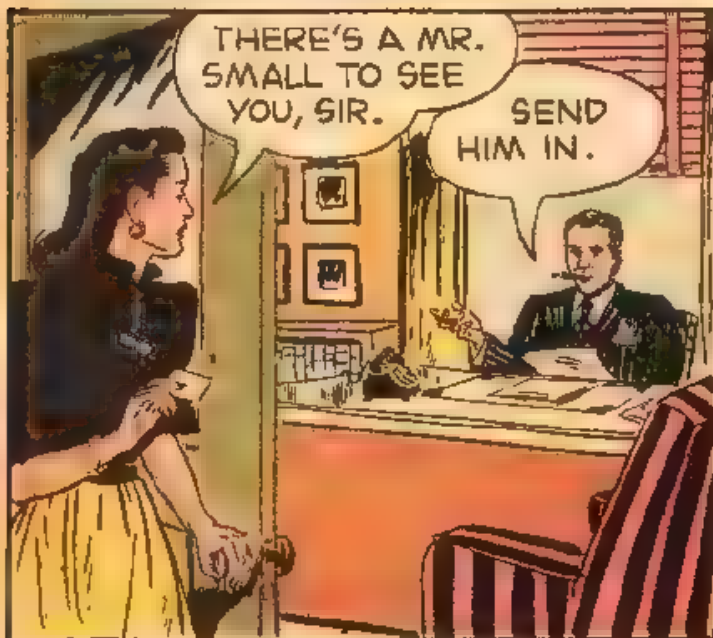




BUT I DON'T BELIEVE—  
ANY MORE.



WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW,  
MY FRIEND, IS THAT I HAVE  
THOUSANDS WHO SAY  
THEY DO BELIEVE—BUT  
THEY ACT JUST LIKE YOU.  
SECULARISM ISN'T ONLY  
FOR THE ATHEIST. IT'S  
DEEP IN THE LIFE OF ANY-  
ONE WHO ACTS AS IF  
GOD WERE NOT FIRST  
AND ALL OTHER THINGS  
SECOND.



THERE'S A MR.  
SMALL TO SEE  
YOU, SIR.

SEND  
HIM IN.



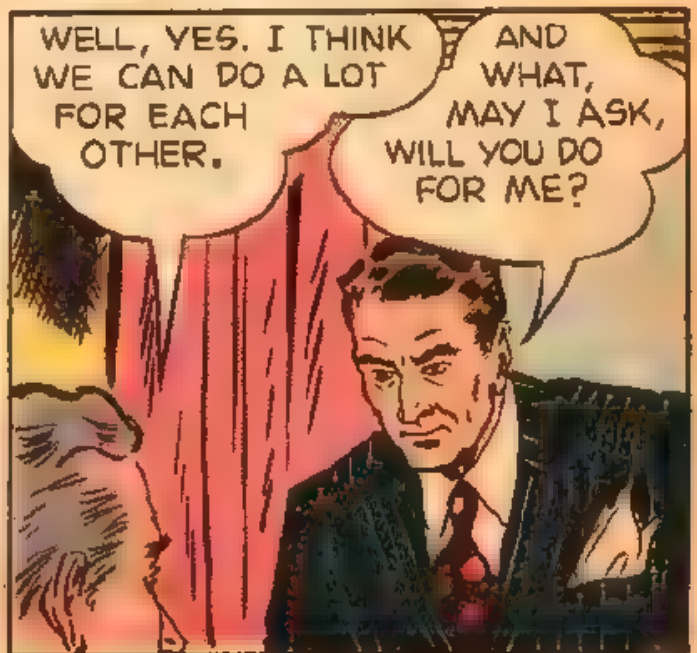
MR. LEGION, IT'S  
A PLEASURE TO  
MEET YOU.

THANK YOU,  
MR. SMALL,  
I'VE HEARD OF  
YOU.



I'LL GET RIGHT DOWN  
TO BUSINESS. I HOPE TO  
RUN FOR GOVERNOR  
NEXT FALL, AND I  
NEED YOUR HELP.

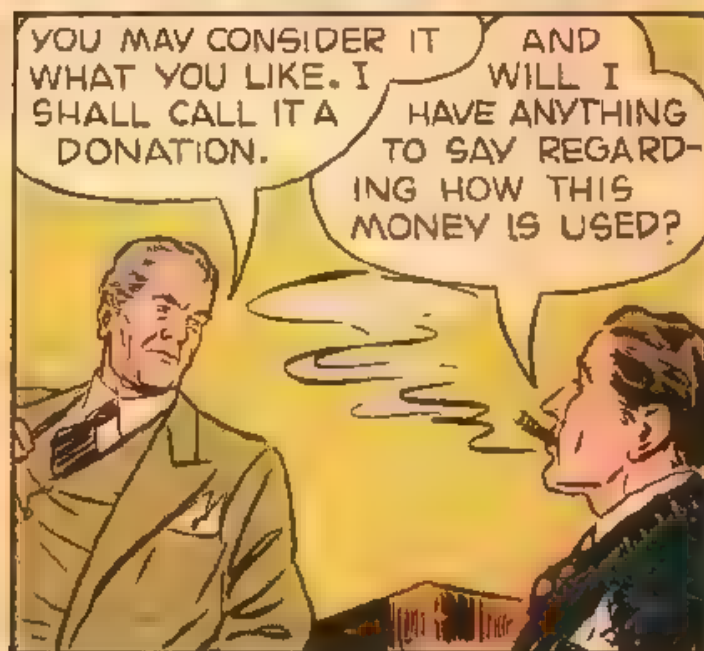
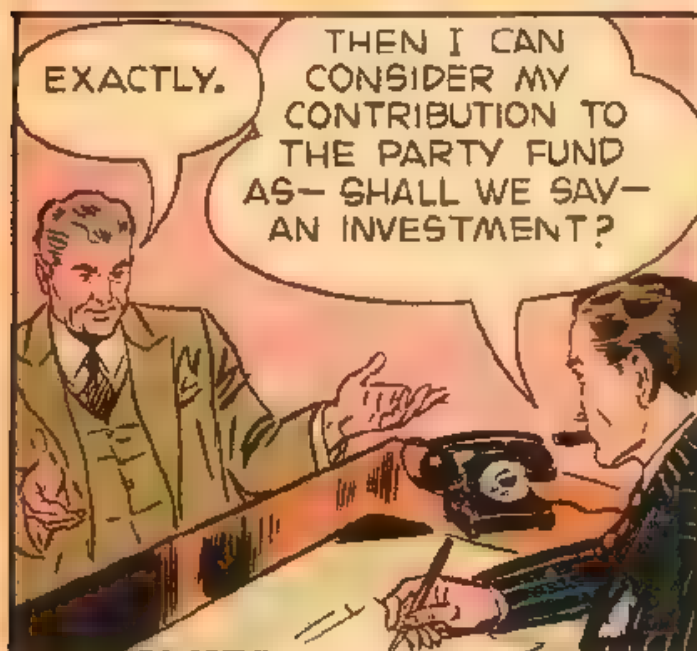
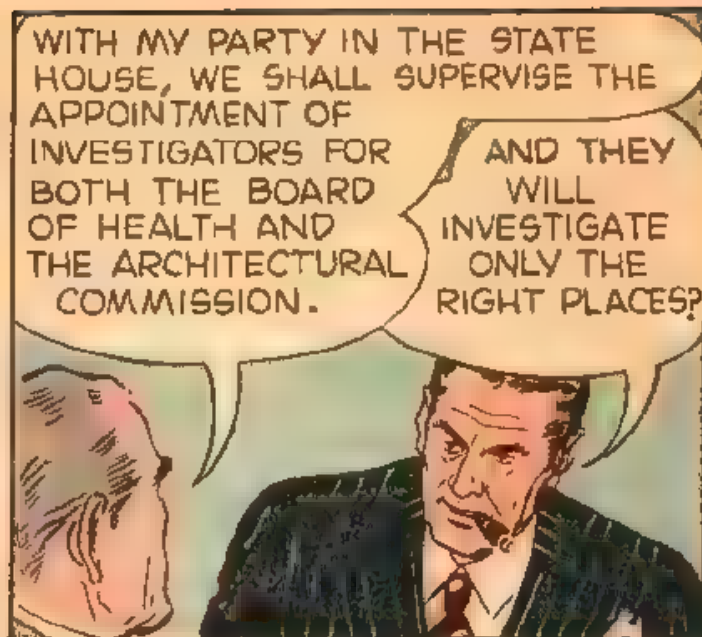
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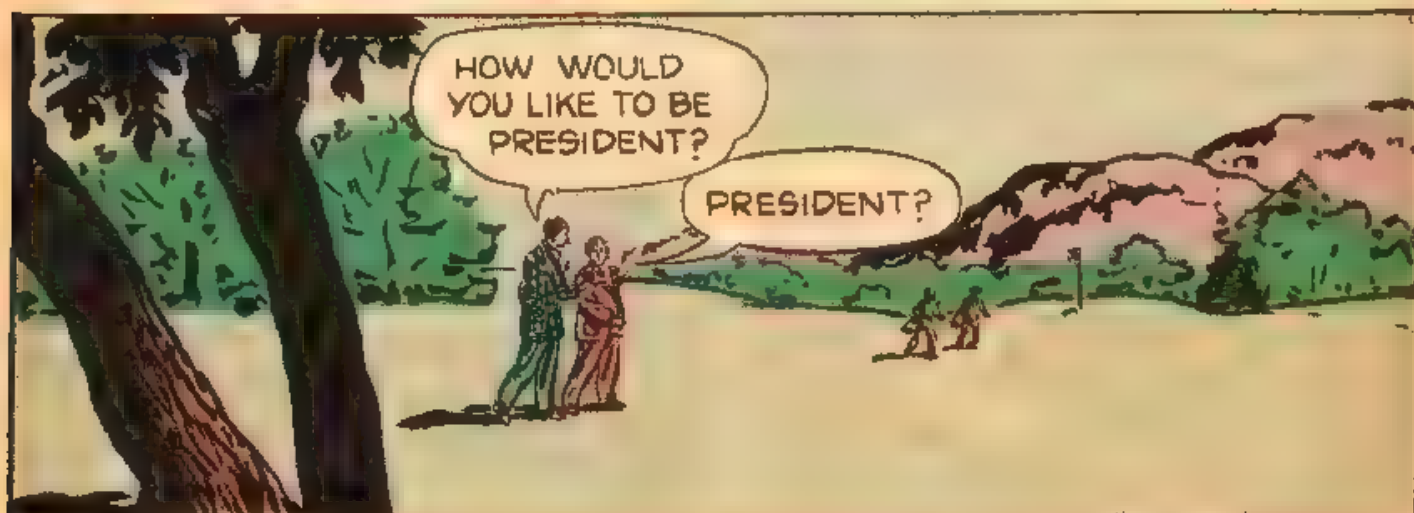
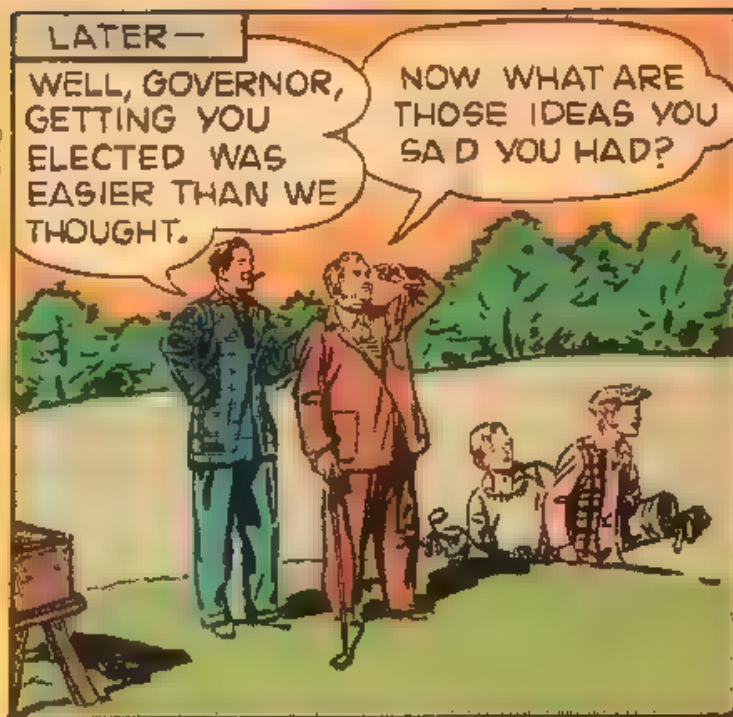
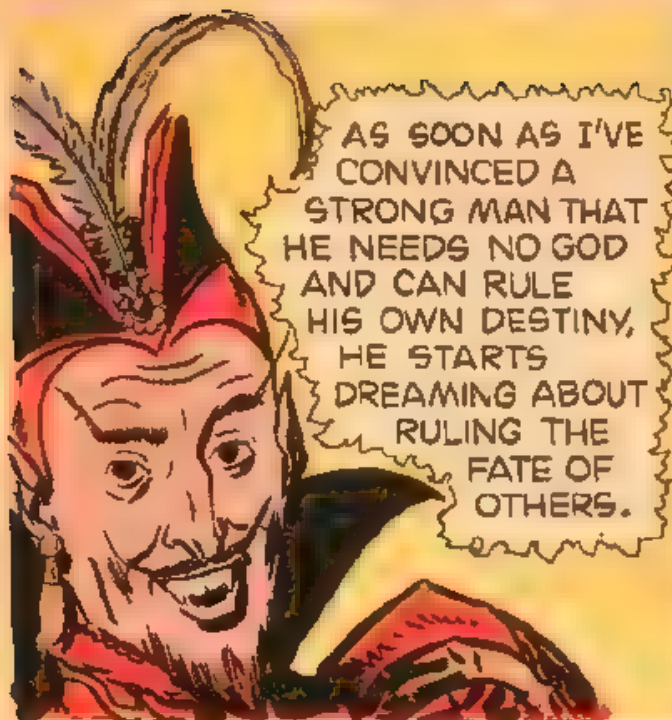
WELL, YES. I THINK  
WE CAN DO A LOT  
FOR EACH  
OTHER.

AND  
WHAT,  
MAY I ASK,  
WILL YOU DO  
FOR ME?

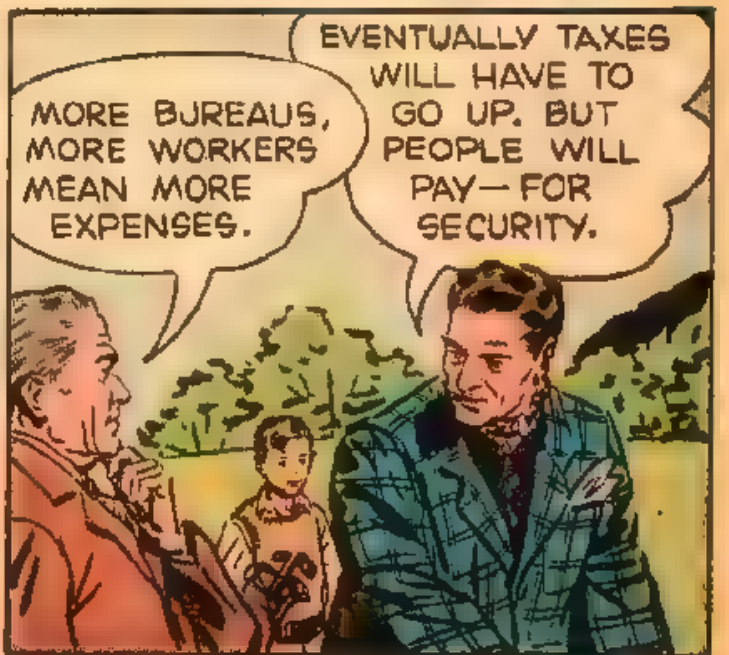
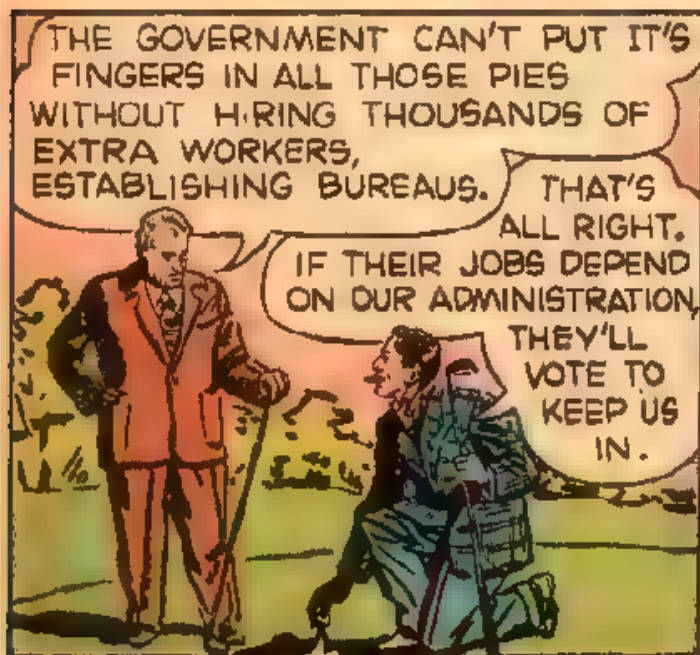
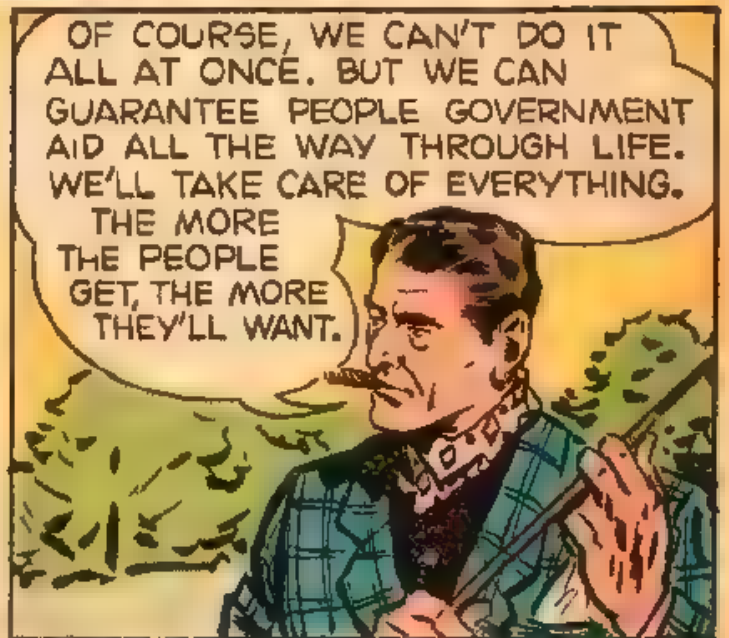
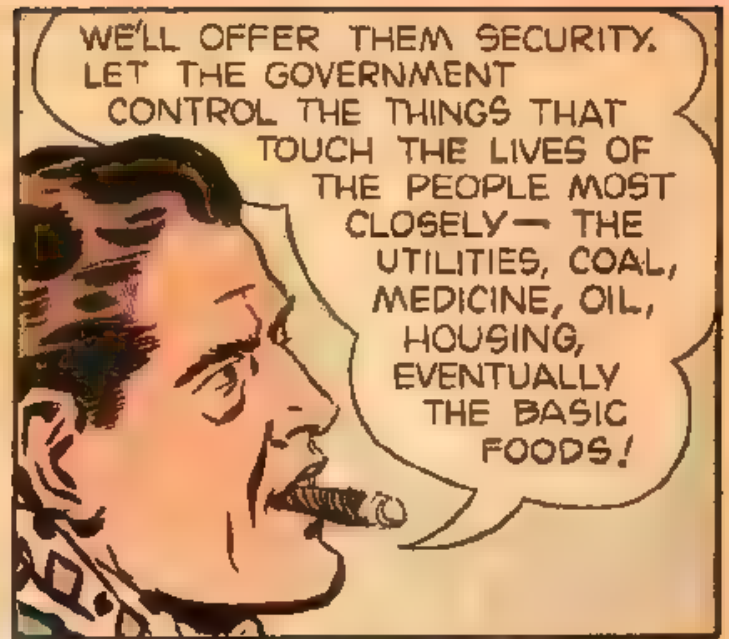
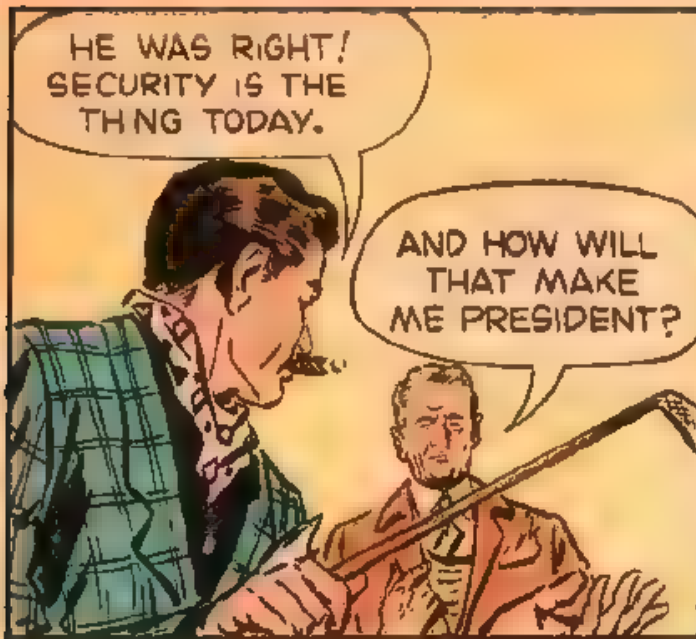




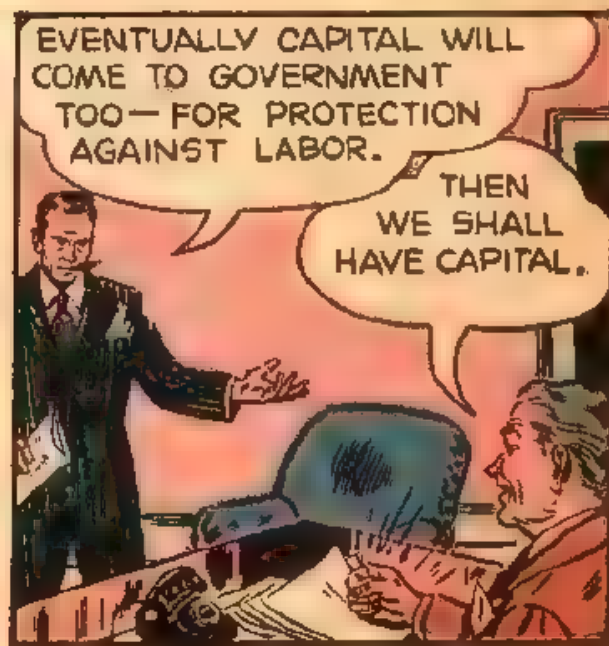
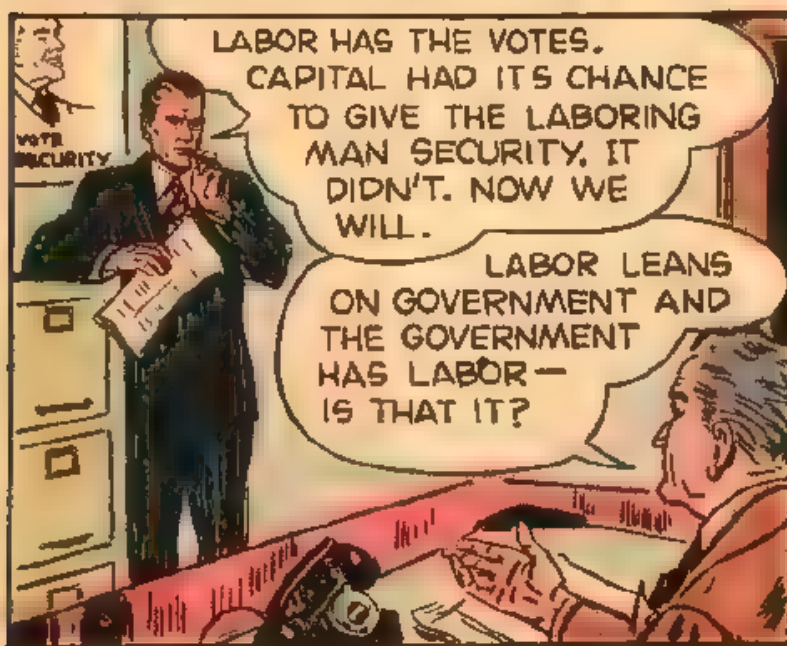
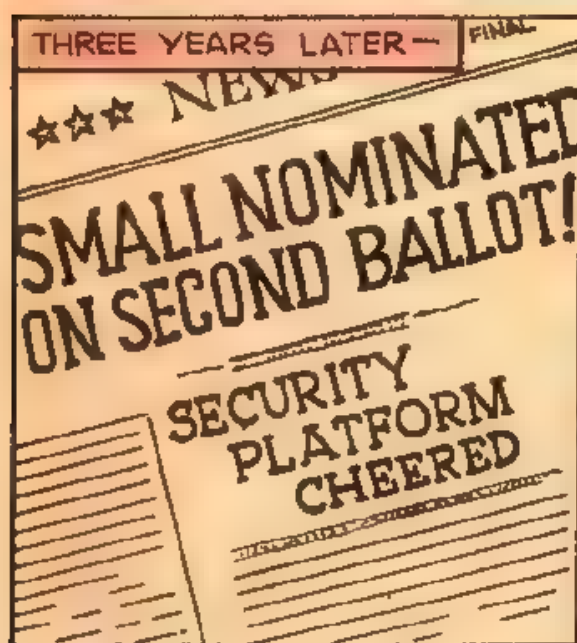
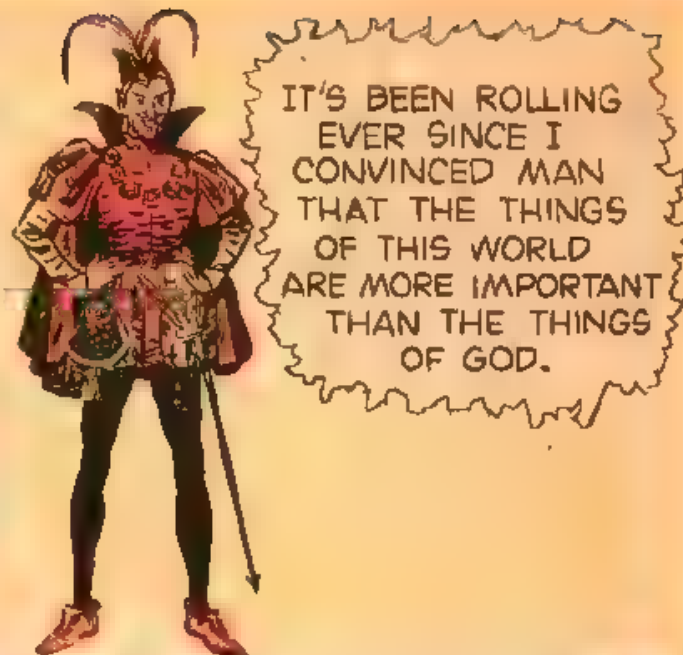
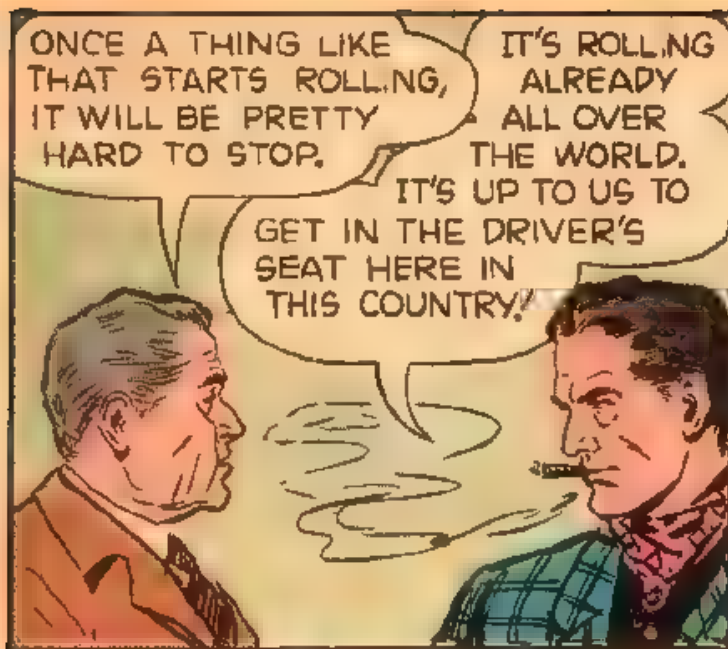




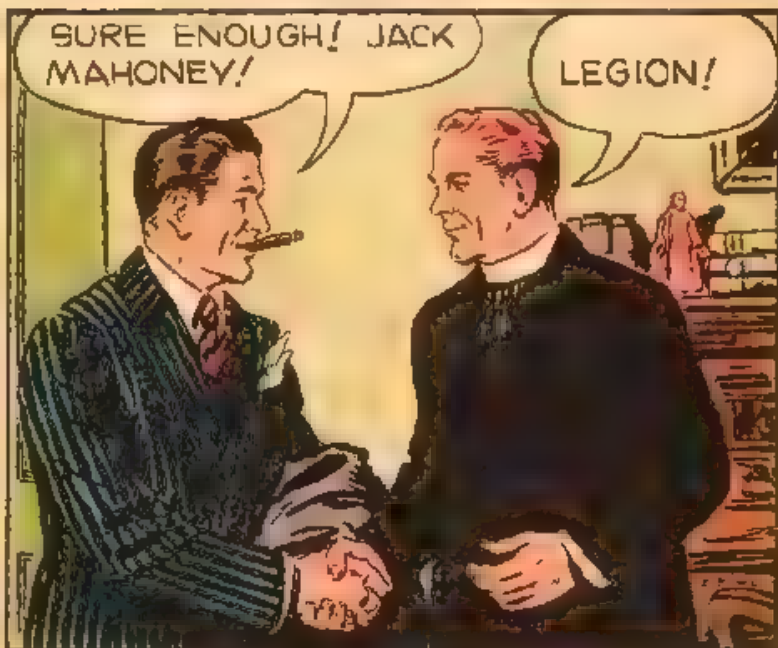
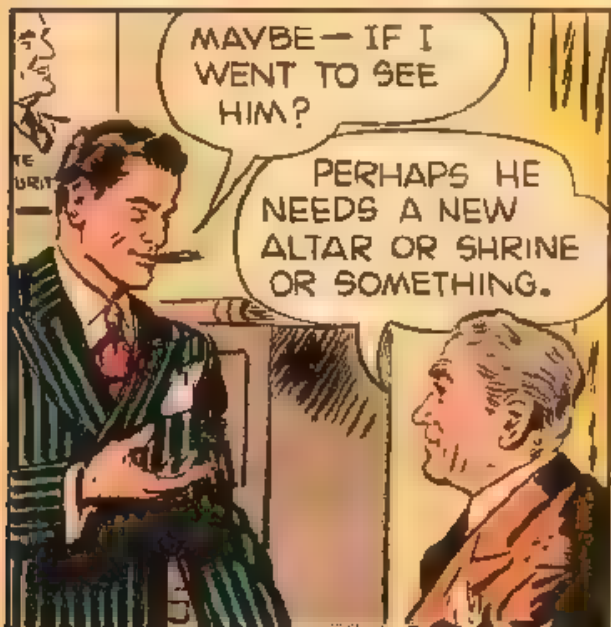
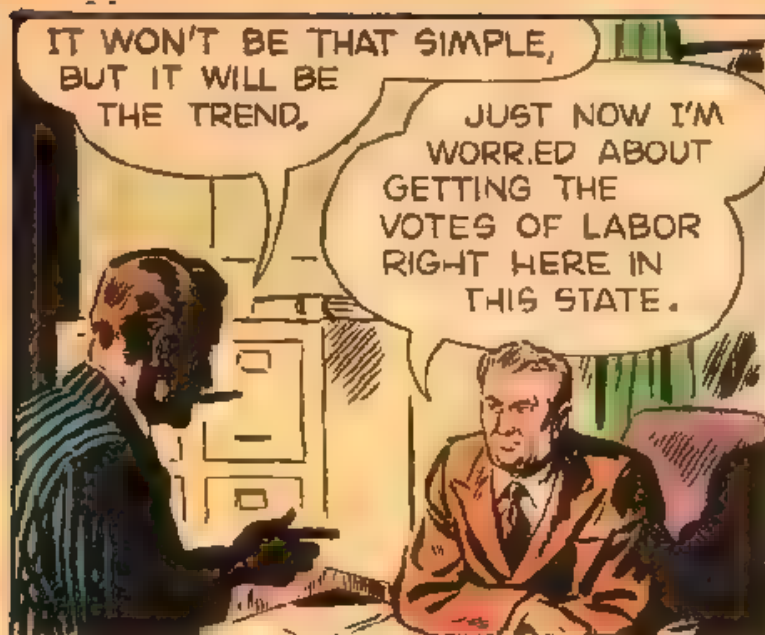




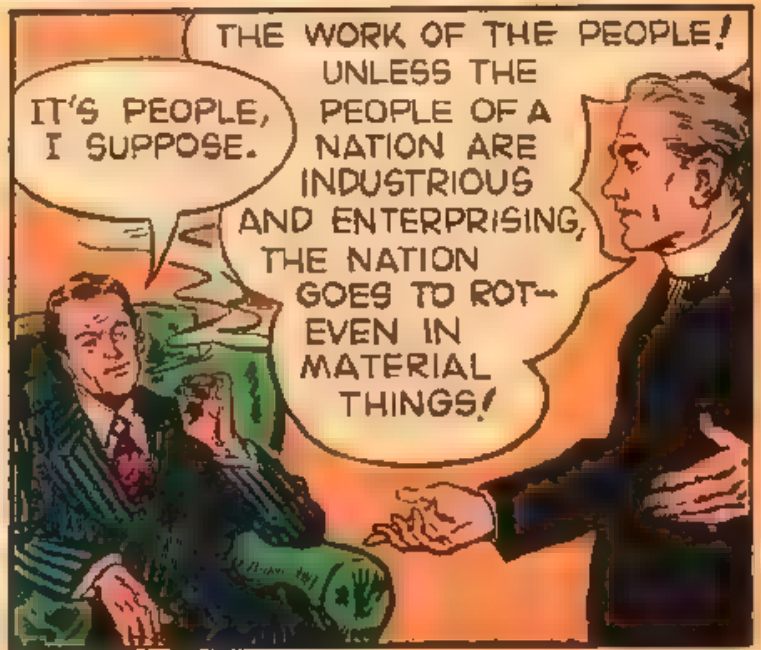
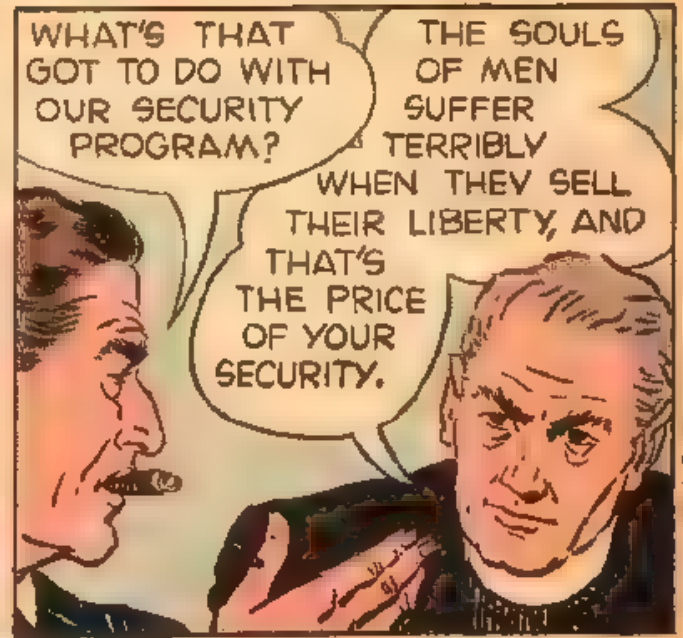
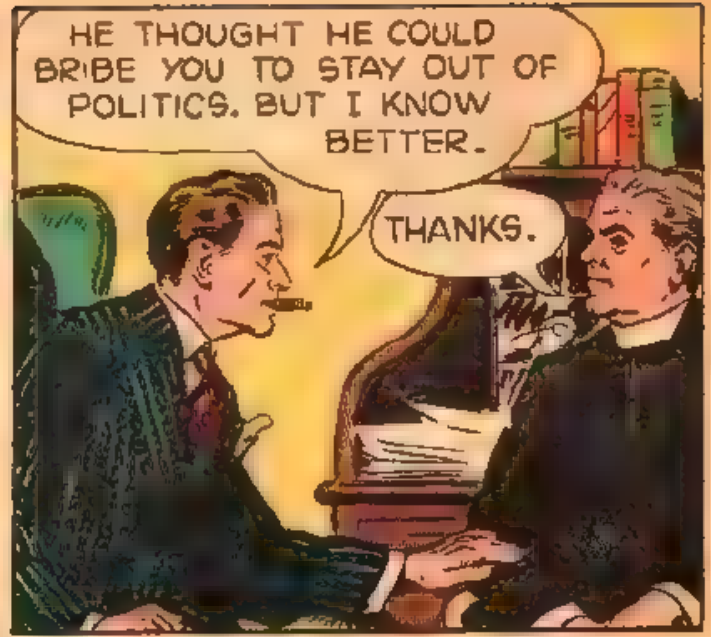
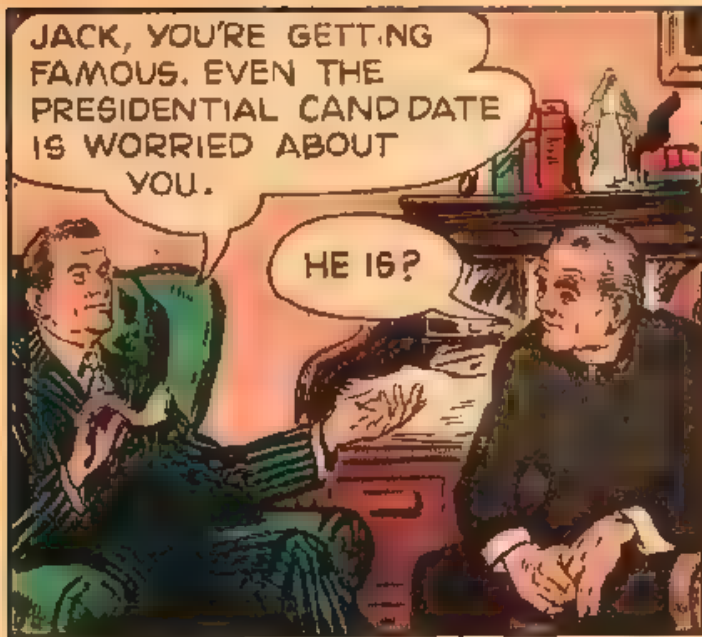




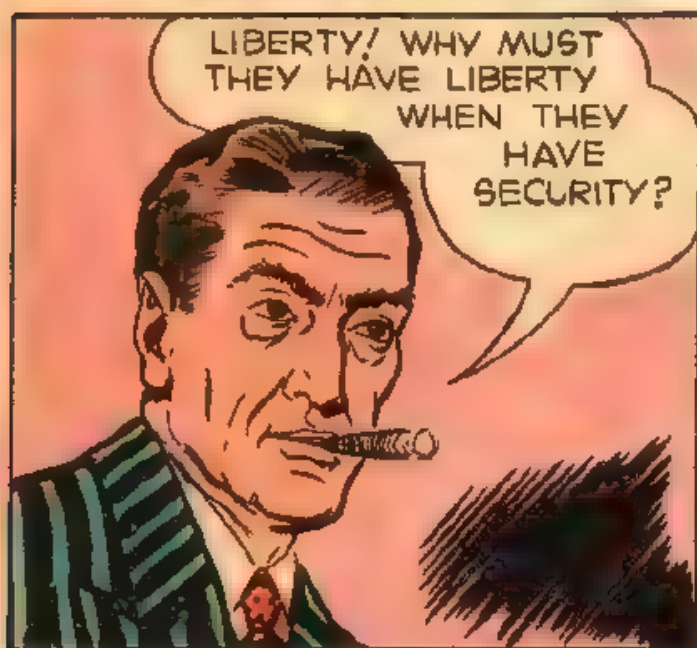
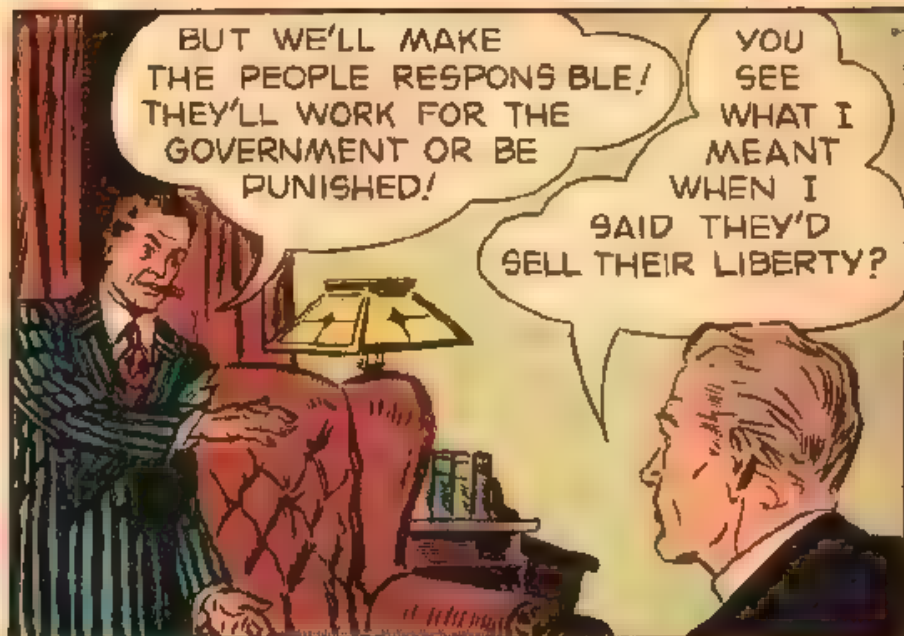
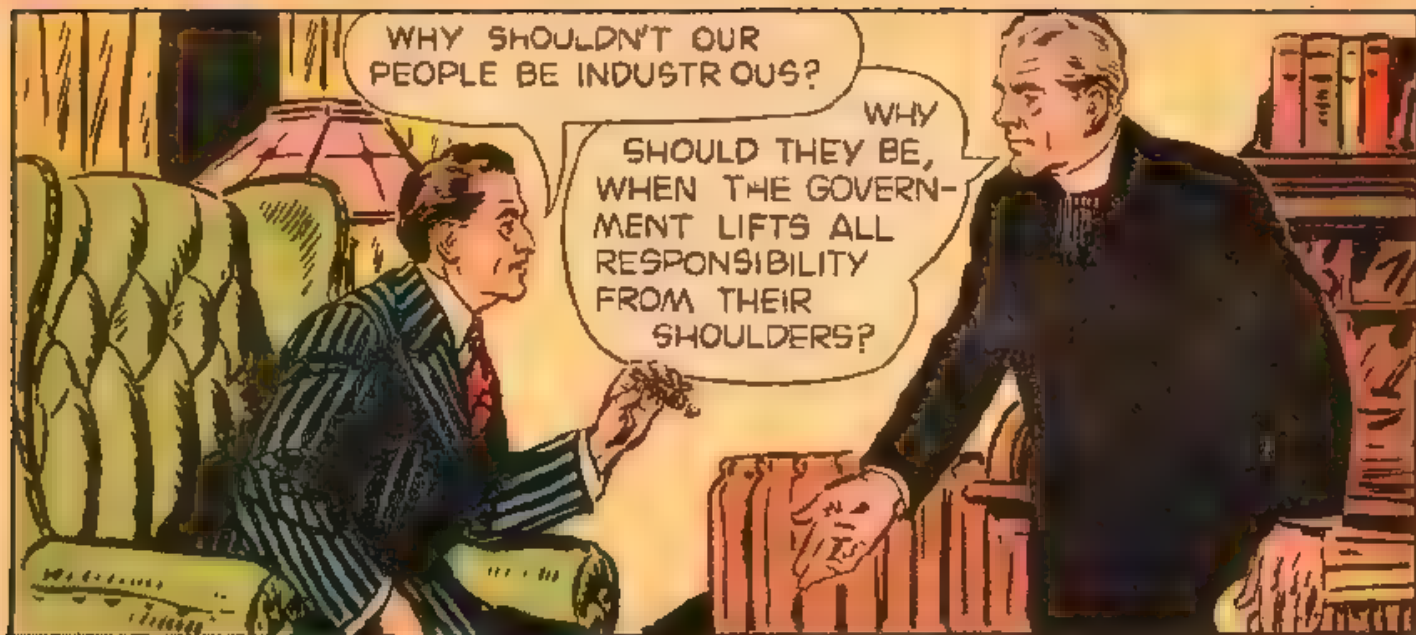




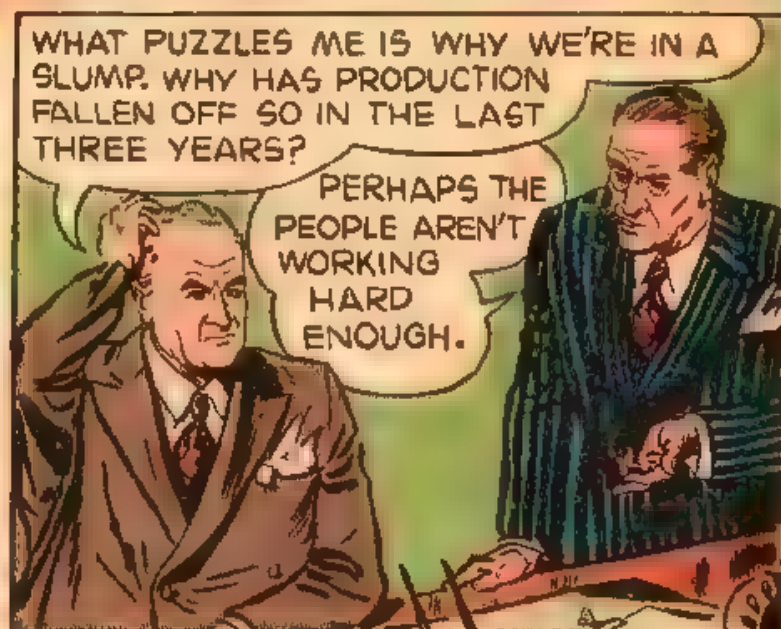
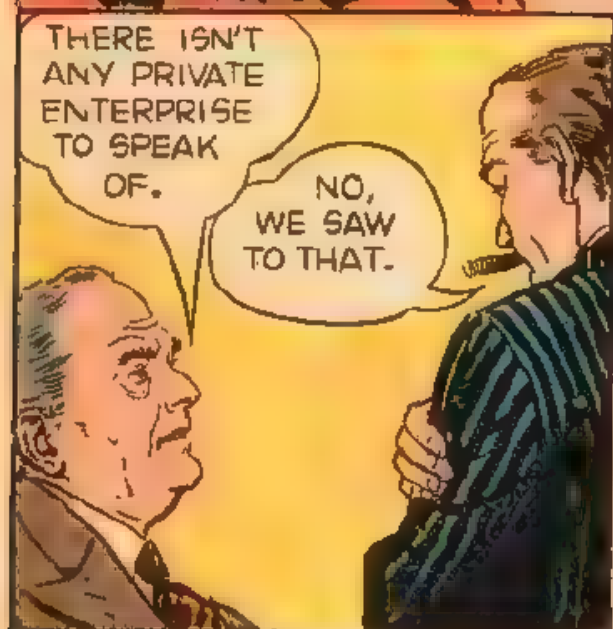
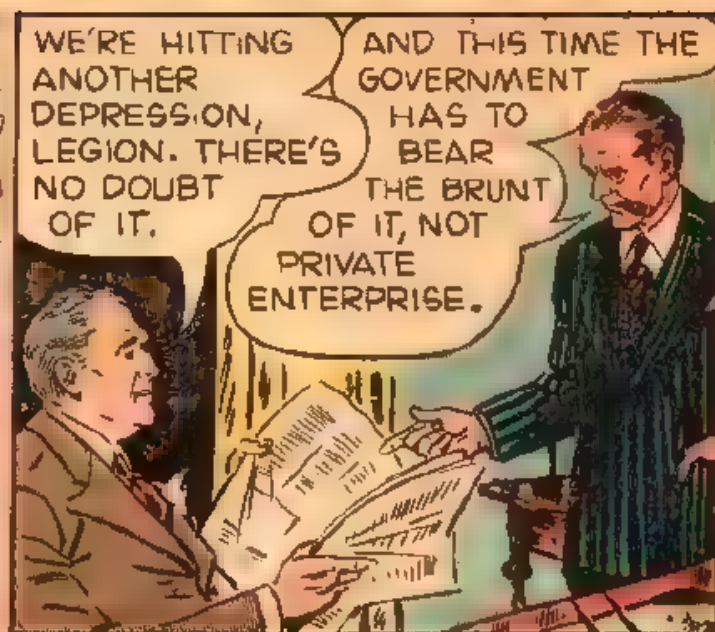
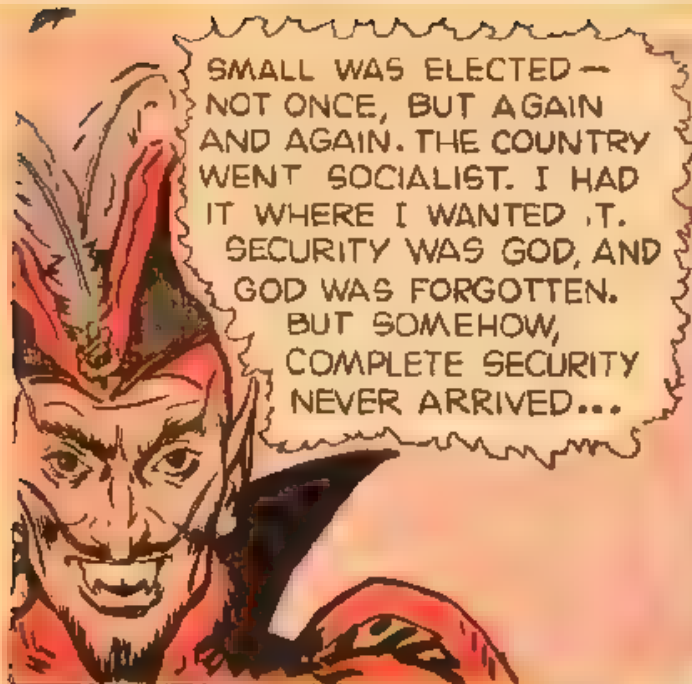




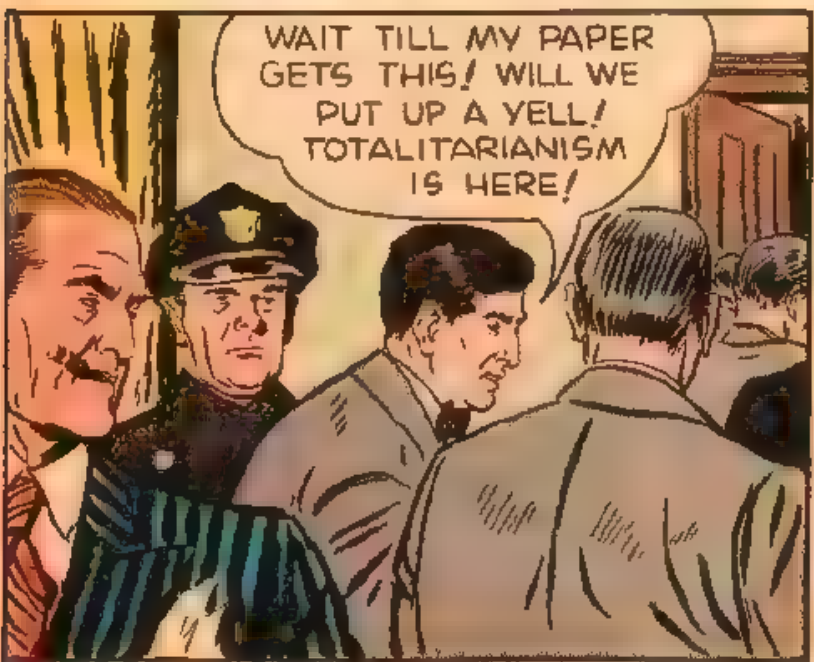
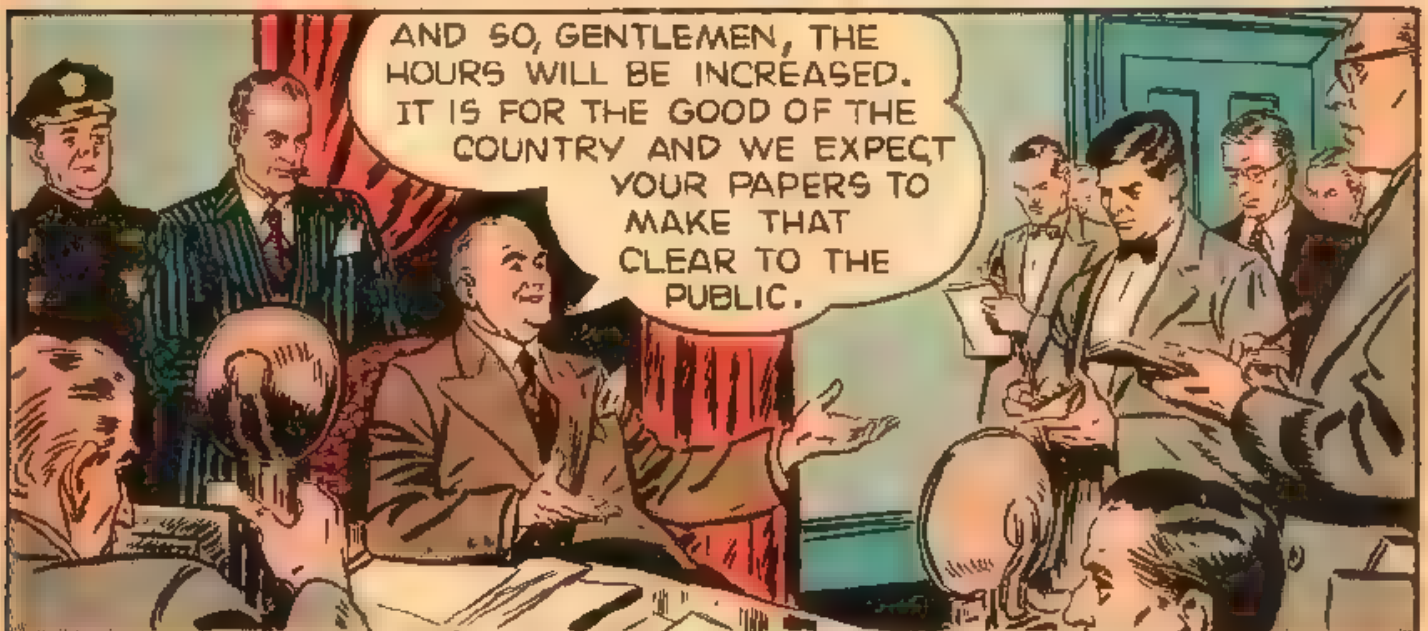
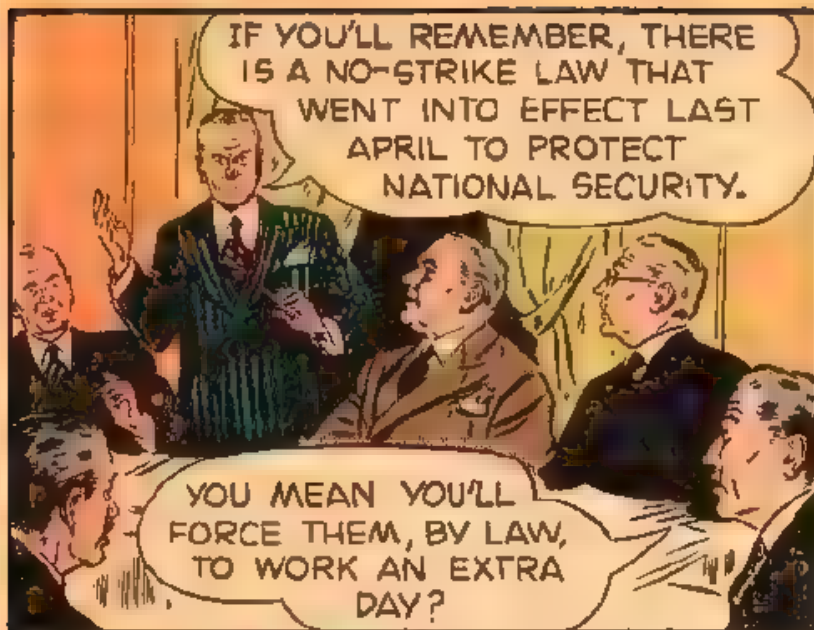




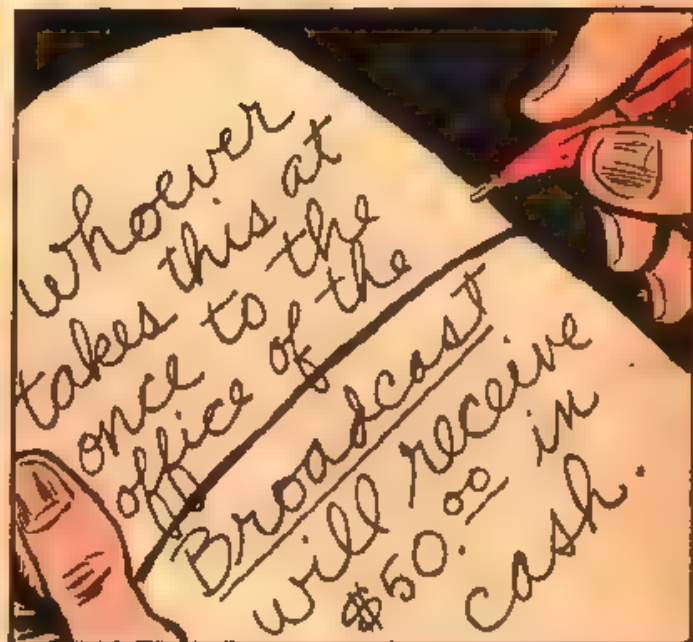
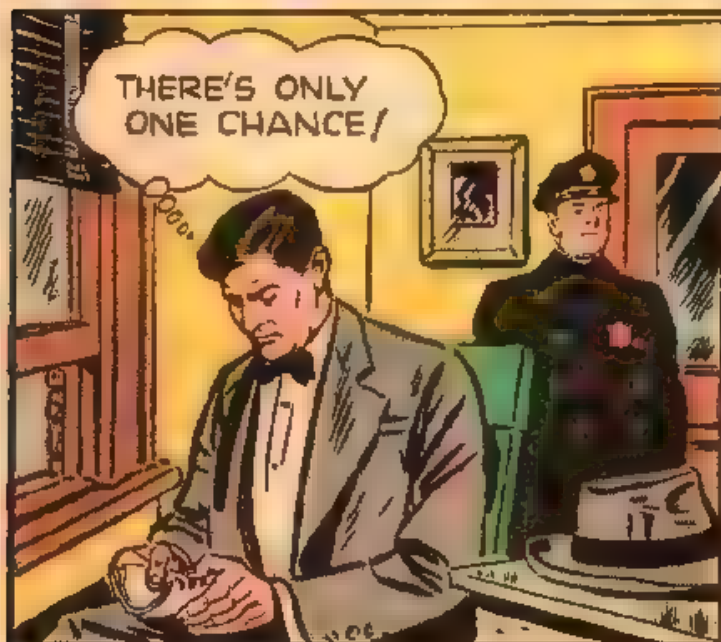
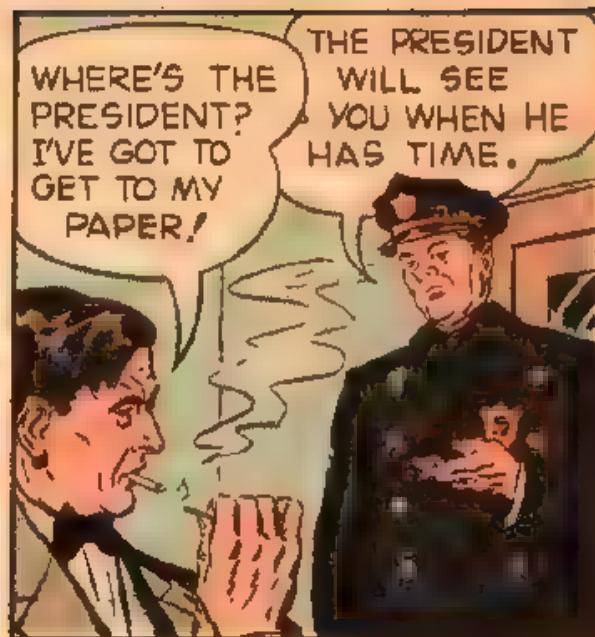
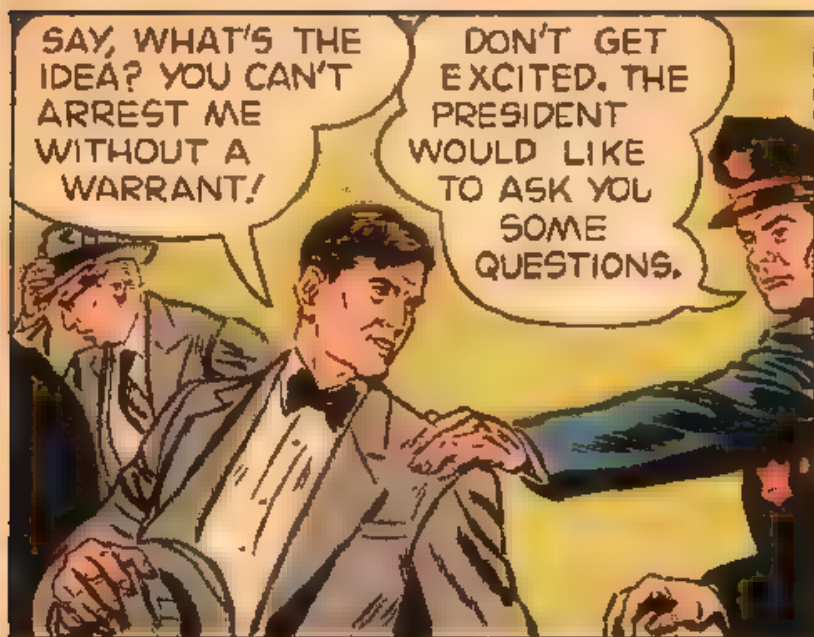




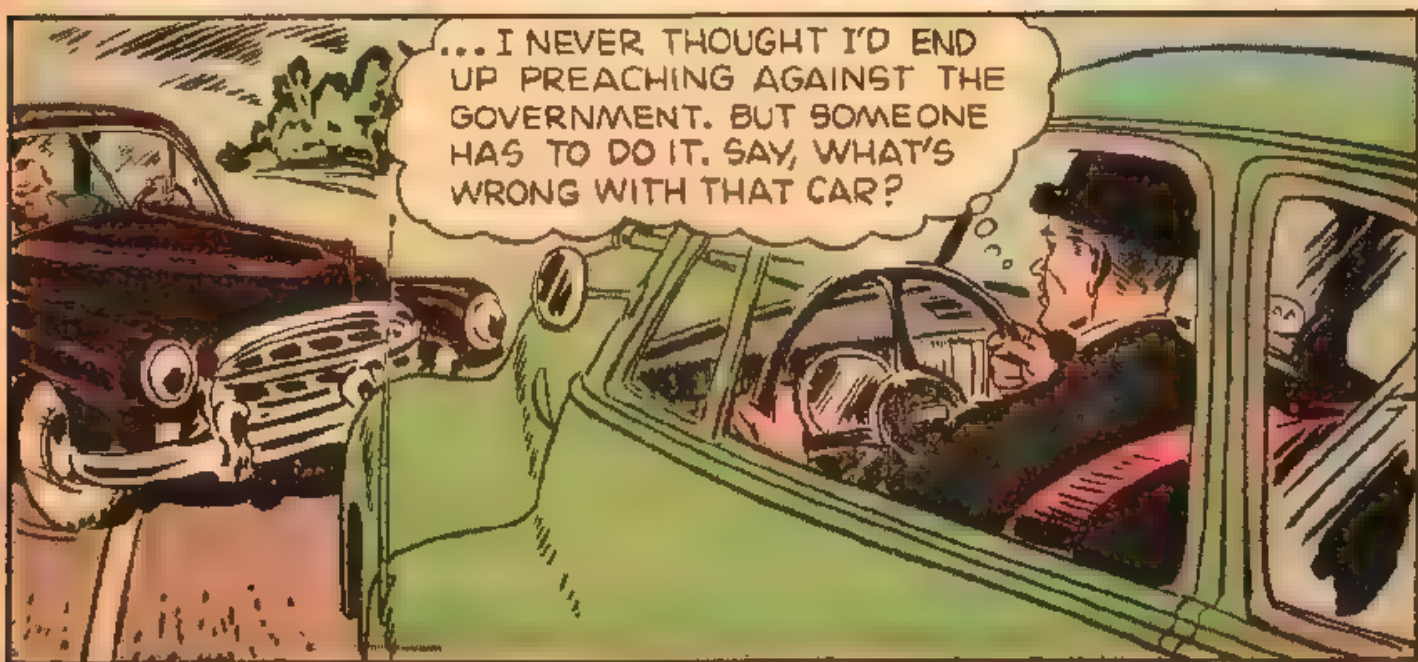
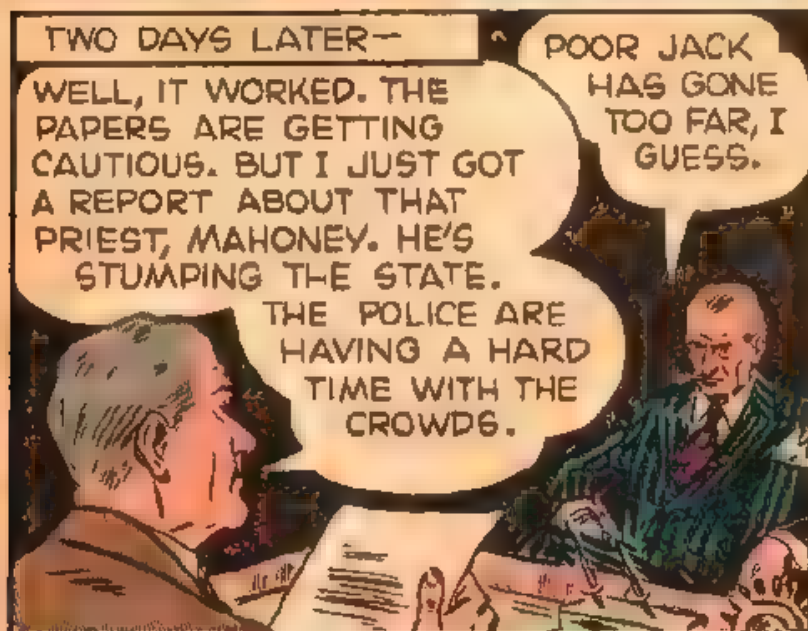
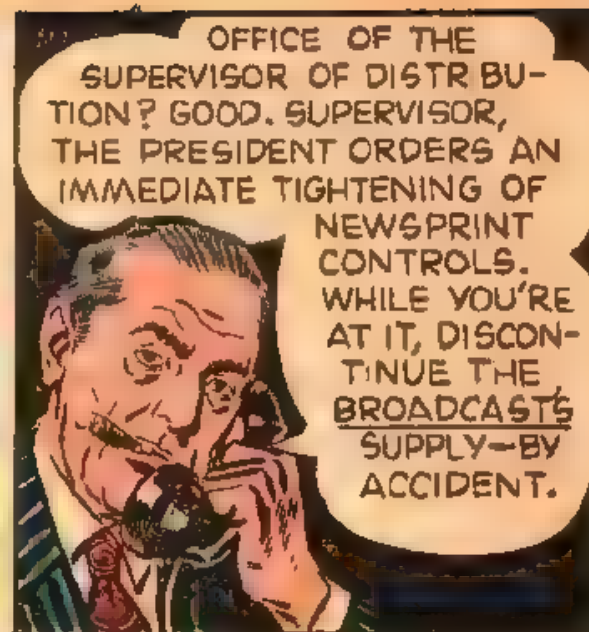
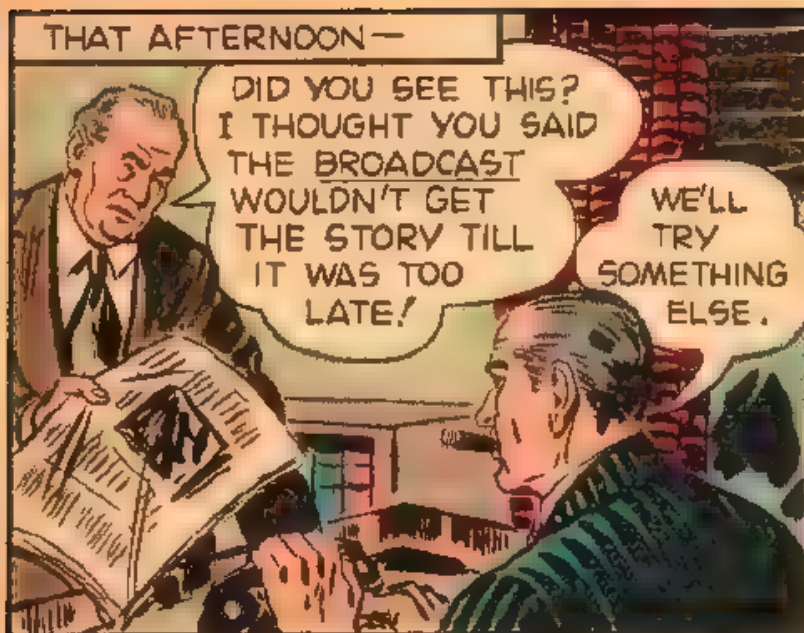




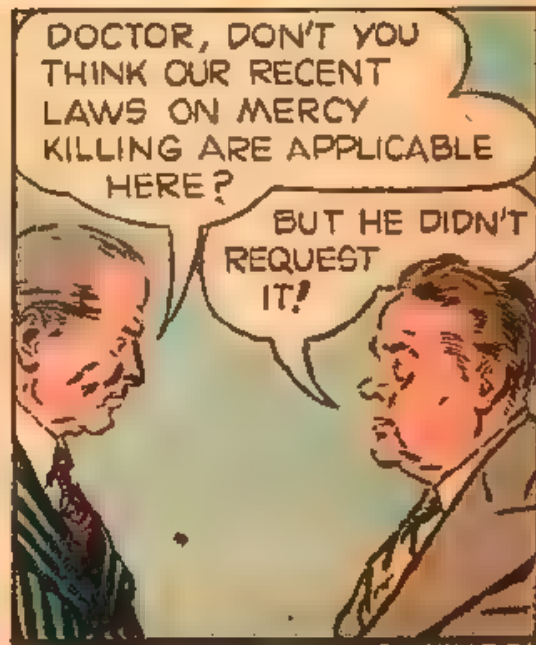
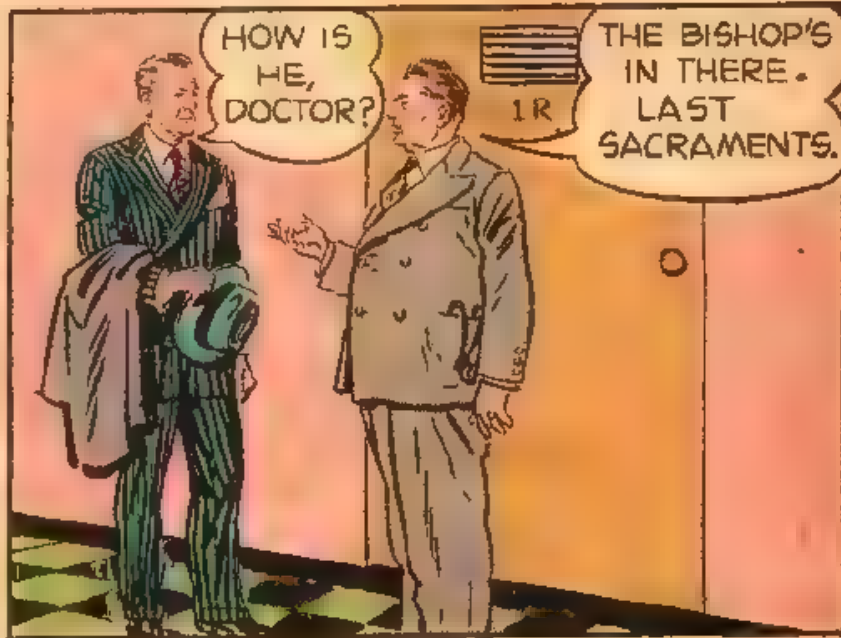
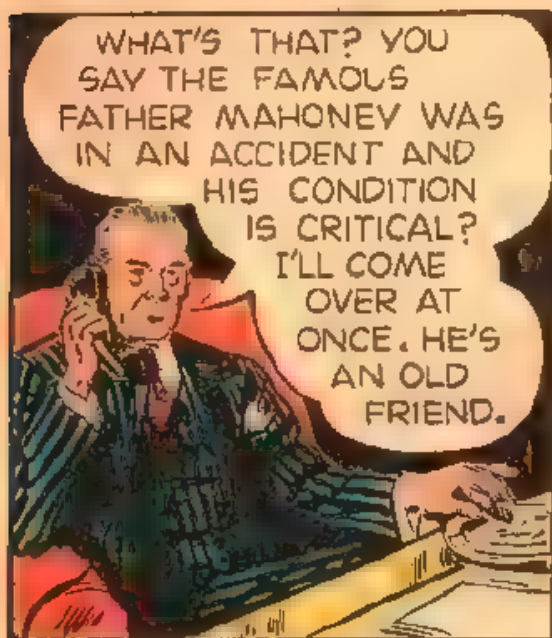
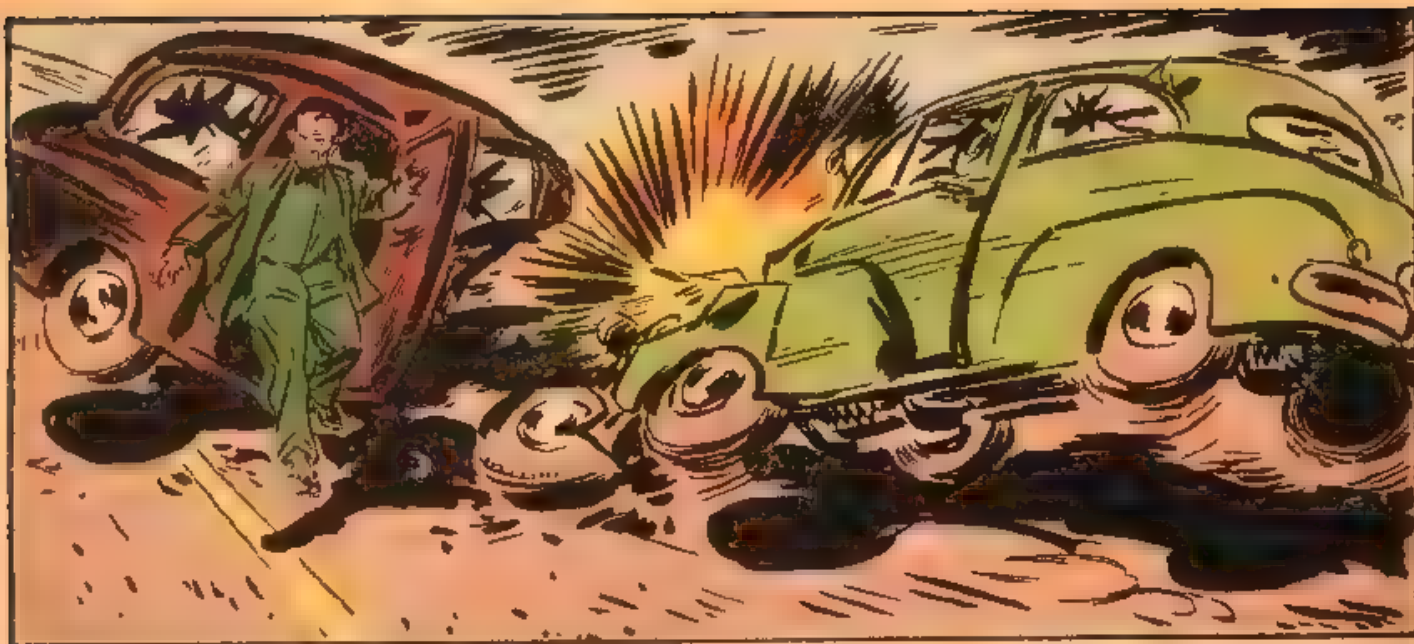




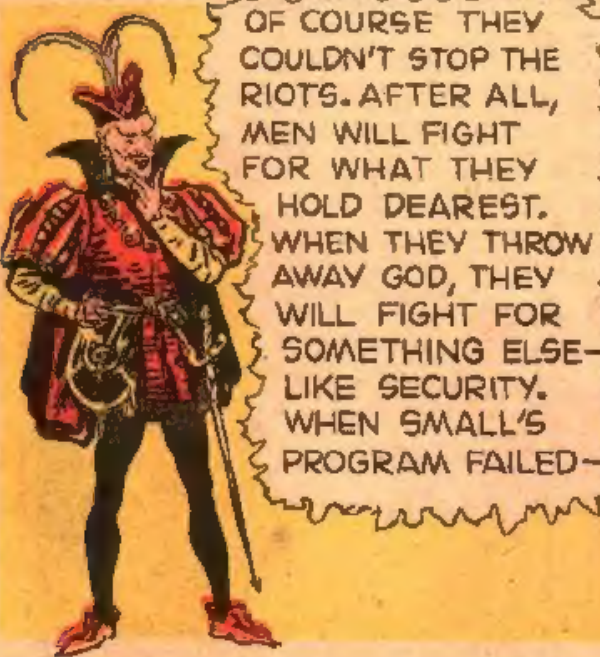
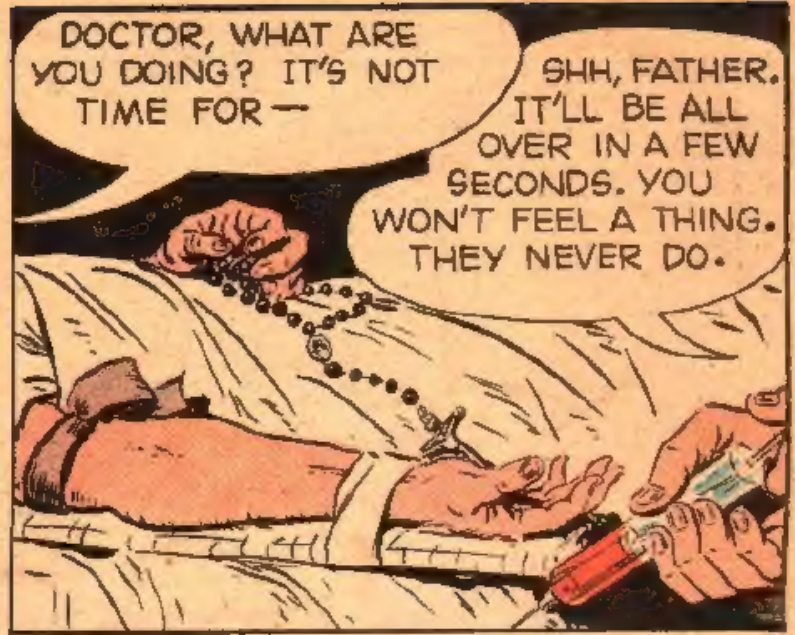




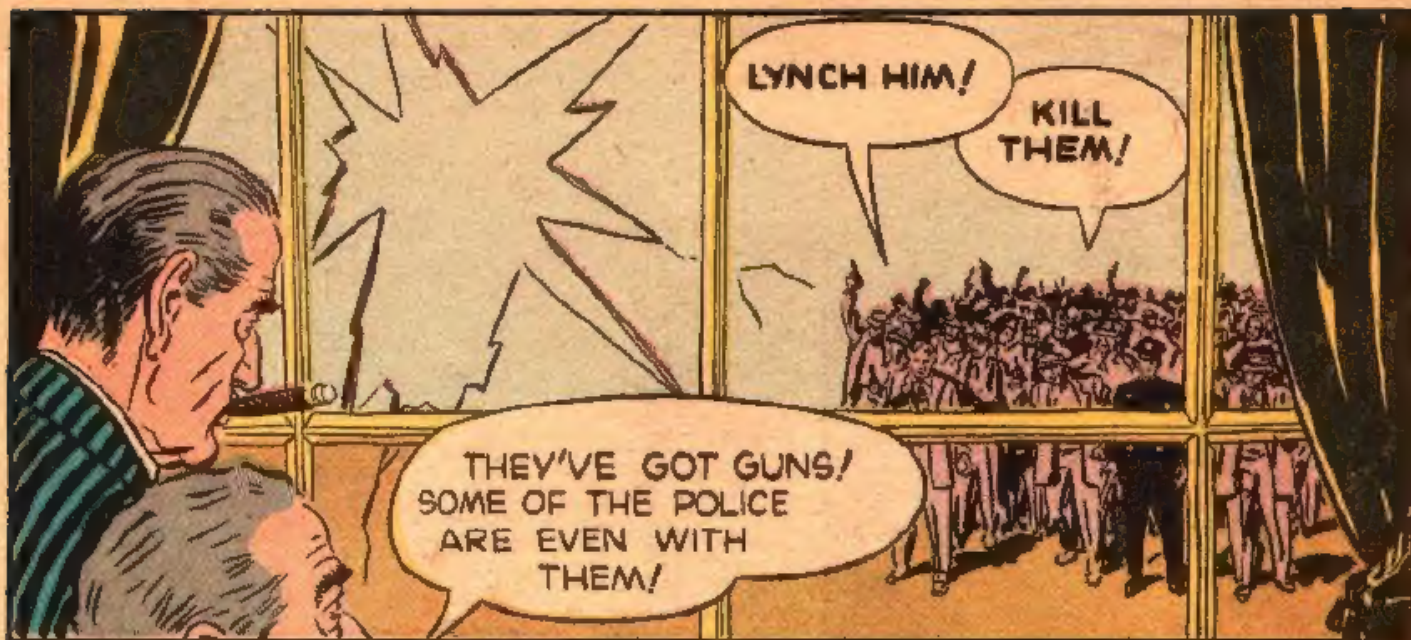
















THAT'S RIGHT— SUICIDE.  
SUICIDE AND REVOLUTION,  
DEPRESSION AND DISCONTENT,  
HATRED AND BLOODSHED!  
SECULARISM HITS EVERYTHING  
IN SOCIETY FROM THE FAMILY  
TO THE GOVERNMENT.  
NO ONE WINS  
IN THE END  
BUT I:



LEGION AND HIS SUICIDE  
ARE ONLY SYMBOLS —  
SYMBOLS OF MODERN MAN  
AND THE SUICIDE OF SOCIETY  
BEING BROUGHT ON BY  
SECULARISM. I HAVE FOUND  
NO GREATER WEAPON  
FOR MY HATE. I NEVER  
SHALL. UNLESS GOD IS  
FIRST, ALL ELSE IS CHAOS!



# WHAT AMERICAN BISHOPS SAY ABOUT SECULARISM

"Secularism, or the practical exclusion of God from human thinking and living, is at the root of the world's travail today."

## EFFECT ON THE INDIVIDUAL

"The greatest moral catastrophe of our age is the growing number of Christians who lack a sense of sin because personal responsibility to God is not a moving force in their lives."

## IN THE FAMILY

"Public authority and the press are constantly emphasizing our grave problem of juvenile delinquency. . . . Our profound conviction is that nothing much will ever be done about it unless we go to the root of the evil and learn the havoc that secularism has wrought in the family."

## EDUCATION

"In no field of social activity has secularism done more harm than in education. In our own country secularists have been quick to exploit for their own purposes the public policy adopted a century ago of banning the formal teaching of religion from the curriculum of our common schools."

## THE WORLD OF WORK

"(The Christian) faces the plain fact that there is something gravely wrong in our economic life and sees in secularism, with its disregard of God and God's law, a potent factor in creating the moral atmosphere which has favored the growth of this evil."

## THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

"In the international community there can be only one real bond of sane common action—the natural law which calls to God, its Author, and derives from Him its sanctions. . . .

"The tragic evil is not that our Christian culture is no longer capable of producing peace and reasonable prosperity, but that we are allowing secularism to divorce Christian truth from life."

From THE BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON SECULARISM, 1947.